



## ***Colas Solutions Blows into the Windy City for the APWA***

Colas Solutions just returned from the International APWA Congress and Exposition in Chicago, IL. The show was well attended by an estimated 7,000 Public Works Professionals who spent four days in training and exploring the large exposition of equipment and products on display.

Colas was well represented by Malcolm Smith and Tim Herbst from Terry Asphalt Materials & Strawser Construction; Curtis Prosko and Rick Taskey from Canadian Road Builders ; and Nelson Wesenberg from Colas Solutions. We had a chance to meet new clients from all over the United States and Canada and renew old friendships with colleagues and clients. Colas Solutions promoted and displayed our FiberMat® process , SuperBond™, DustClear™, and EcoPatch® , while the Terry/Strawser Group promoted a wide array of their product offerings such as FasBlack™.

In speaking with attendees, it was quickly apparent that there is a renewed interest by many DOT's across the country in Fog Seal materials. Many of them have oxidized and brittle pavements which still have many years of life left in them, but without some sort of protection , will quickly deteriorate. FasBlack™, a quick set fog seal which remains dark black longer than conventional seals ,really fit the needs of many clients and Tim and Malcolm did a great job of educating the attendees about the product. Attendees from several northern States , such as Washington, Oregon, Minnesota and Wisconsin, were very interested in our FiberMat® process. Winter weather wrecks havoc on the road systems in these States and many of the Public Works Directors had heard about our FiberMat® process and wanted to know more about it.



The 2013 International APWA Exposition was very educational and should prove to be a great success for Colas Solutions and all of the Colas Group in North America. I say for all of North America because the show was very well attended by our close friends and neighbors in Canada due to the fact next year's show for the first time will be in Canada on August 17th thru 21st, 2014 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

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