

## **IDOT Honors CMT for Exceptional Service**

*CMT takes home 2 of the 6 state-wide awards given by the Illinois Dept. of Transportation*

Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. (CMT) was honored with two of the six Exceptional Service Awards presented by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). The awards were given at the American Council of Engineering's annual Government Affairs Workshop Luncheon held on June 17, 2005 in Springfield, IL.

In the Rural Highway Project-Phase II category, CMT was recognized for their work on the Illinois Route 29 Expressway located in Central Illinois. This project expanded a two-lane rural highway to a four-lane expressway and featured innovative drainage solutions unique to a rural setting. An increased emphasis was also placed on public involvement efforts to accommodate area land owners and a grassroots organization that had petitioned the state to improve safety on the roadway.

In the Highway Structure Project-Phase II category, CMT was singled out for their work on the Shippingsport Bridge that connects LaSalle and Ogelsby, Illinois. The 70 year-old lift span bridge was replaced and included the use of High Performance Steel and Wick drains to accommodate the new bridge to the existing alignment. Construction, that was expected to take three years, was completed in just two years and came in on budget.

The IDOT awards are given annually to engineering consultants for their work on state highway projects and are based on criteria such as project complexity, innovation, public involvement, schedule, budget, and performance evaluation. The judging panel is chaired by Victor Modeer, Director of Highways for IDOT.



The IL-29 Expressway, shown here as it bypasses Berry, IL, features innovative drainage solutions uncommon for rural highway designs.



The Shippingsport Bridge, a vital link between two Illinois communities, was expected to take three years to replace. The new bridge shown here was completed in only two years.