



Centreville, VA - April 20, 2016 - On Wednesday, April 20, 2016, Shirley Contracting Company, LLC was honored at the 2016 Heavy Construction Contractors Association (HCCA) Safety Awards Dinner held at the Chantilly National Golf & Country Club in Centreville, VA. Shirley was awarded the HCCA Excellence in Infrastructure Award in the category of greater than \$15 million for the Route 27/244 Interchange Modifications project in Arlington, Virginia.

The \$32.5 million Route 27/244 Interchange Modifications design-build project for the Virginia Department of Transportation replaced the 1942 solid concrete rigid framed Washington Boulevard over Columbia Pike in Arlington, VA with a decorative and functional structure. Features include two-tone painted haunched girders, architectural precast concrete abutments and wingwalls, and commemorative pylons with the name “Freedmans Village Bridge” etched in the concrete. It also features bronze medallions depicting scenes of the village from the mid 1800’s when it served as the first federal government subsidized community for freed and fugitive slaves following the Civil War.

“I am particularly proud to have worked alongside Shirley Contracting to see this project all the way to its successful fruition. To have participated in the celebration of the bridge dedication with direct descendants of freed slaves that once lived in Freedmans Village is particularly special. We didn’t just build a replacement bridge; we resurrected and gave monument to an important part of local and national history,” stated Christiana Briganti-Dunn, P.E., CCM, VDOT.

Congratulations to the Shirley Team, VDOT, Dewberry, and all those involved in such a historic project.