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## **Bay Area Contractor Celebrates 90th Anniversary and Best Highway Project**

**BERKELEY, CA, April 2015** – O.C. Jones & Sons, Inc. recently celebrated 90 years in business, and the Berkeley-based heavy construction and general engineering firm continues to ride a wave of success. (See 90<sup>th</sup> party video on the [OC Jones YouTube Channel](#) or here: <http://youtu.be/hHHg7MaYdKU> )

In November, the company received the Best Highway Project by Engineering News-Record for the I-80 Truck Scales Inspection Facility and Highway Interchange in Fairfield, California. The \$50-million project replaces a 50-year-old truck-scale facility located in the middle of three converging freeways: Interstate 80, I-680 and State Route 12. The new facility will help to alleviate the congestion caused by more than 2 million trucks entering and exiting the scales each year. The project won California Transportation Foundation Safety Project of the Year award, American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Roadway/Highway Project of the Year Award, and the Caltrans Gold Partnering Award.

"The new facility will help the CHP carry out our mission of saving lives, and improve our ability to inspect trucks and protect our roads for many years to come" said CHP Commander Mike Ferrell. "Although the facility may seem large and have a lot of technology, it was designed with truck traffic estimates for the year 2035 in mind."

Engineering News-Record has also ranked O.C. Jones among the Top 400 Contractors in the United States. Other major awards include the American Public Works Association Transportation Award for the I-5 Richards to Railyards project in Sacramento, the ASCE Environmental Project of the Year for the Cooley Landing project in Palo Alto, multiple projects consistently ranking in the San Francisco Business Times' Largest Construction Projects in the Bay Area, and the American Road & Transportation Builders Association Pride Award "Community Relations" for O.C. Jones' TLC for Kids Sports Program.

According to O.C. Jones, the company was established in 1924 by Olin Clement Jones. 20 years later, Olin was joined by his sons, Harold and Robert. Under Harold's leadership, the company expanded into new work disciplines and increased its geographical reach. Over the next few decades the company transitioned into concrete structures, grading, paving, and underground utilities. By the 1960's, O.C. Jones was recognized as one of the most respected contractors in the Greater San Francisco Bay Area. "Continuing the enduring legacy of constructing the highest-quality, on-time and on-budget projects for our clients and partners is very important to us", said Kelly Kolander, President and CEO of O.C. Jones. "And with our incredible team of employees, we see that continuing well into the future."

Recently, O.C. Jones applied the finishing touches on the new San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge by putting down a special epoxy asphalt on over 1.1 million square feet of surface area. "The epoxy asphalt



concrete used on the bridge is a unique material placed on steel decks,” said O.C. Jones Area Manager Kevin Goddard. “There’s only one job in the United States this year that’s going to do it and it’s here on this bridge.” Incidentally, it was O.C. Jones that placed the epoxy asphalt on the old bridge more than 50 years ago. It is only fitting that the tenacious paving company would be involved in the transition between bridges as they were the contractor that placed the epoxy asphalt on the original bridge back in the 1970's. Coming full circle, O.C. Jones paved the new section of the bridge, connecting Yerba Buena Island and Oakland, and played a vital role in the success of the \$6.4 billion project.

Today, O.C. Jones continues to build on its historic legacy as a leading heavy engineering construction contractor and builder of athletic fields in Northern California. They continue to thrive through economic downturns and other challenges due to their industry insight of local resources and work conditions cultivated from 90 years of experience. They complement this knowledge with a large fleet of modern grading and excavating equipment, sophisticated technology and skilled construction professionals. Regional offices located around the Greater Bay Area enable us them to assist their clients in meeting their project goals.

O.C. Jones recruits top talent to join their award winning team of over 200 field crew and a cooperative office support staff. Their experienced personnel are available from preconstruction to final completion. They adopt a collaborative approach to a variety of contract methods such as design build, construction management/general contractor, and public-private partnerships.

O.C. Jones services include paving, grading, excavating, demolition, synthetic surfaces, underground utility, environmental remediation, and emergency response for public and private clients. Their core markets are highway and airport construction; stadiums, athletic fields and parks; commercial; industrial; residential; and intermodal facilities.

Through the award-winning TLC for Kids Sports program ([www.TLCforKidsSports.org](http://www.TLCforKidsSports.org)), sponsored by O.C. Jones, employees can support a cause close to the heart of their local communities. This non-profit corporation partners with radio station KNBR 680AM, *The Sports Leader*, to hold special contests. The winners receive much-needed Tender Loving Care for their youth sports fields and parks. Thousands of children are playing on safer and modern fields. They seek out neighborhoods that are lacking in adequate or functional community space and they rebuild ballfields and parks throughout Northern California. In addition, they reach out along the way to local sponsors, donors, public officials and volunteers to give everyone a chance to be involved and to exemplify a true community project. Completed projects include Herz Ballfield San Francisco, DeFremery Park in West Oakland, Memorial Park West Sacramento, Tahoe Tallac Park West Sacramento, Antioch Little League Fields, and Eastridge Little League Fields in San Jose. In addition, they built an outdoor memorial classroom at Las Lomas High School in Walnut Creek and they sponsor the West Coast Jamboree – an annual girls basketball tournament.

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