

## Funding for Road Work

Everyone in the Transportation Industry is concerned about money for road projects, and rightly so. Congress let our Transportation Bill lapse on September 30, 2009 without coming anywhere close to agreeing on a new one. As of now, Congress has only been able to issue extensions of the old bill at its lowest funding level. The latest extension will expire on February 28, 2010. These extensions are only band aids, our industry requires firm long term legislation for successful planning to address our nation's transportation needs.

This past year, Congress passed a 2009 Stimulus bill. This bill was in the amount of \$787 billion. Even though only 6% of those funds were provided to transportation projects; it made a huge difference in the unemployment rate in

our industry. Even so, as of November 2008, our industry has the highest unemployment rate of any business sector. The Bureau of Labor Statistics puts our industry's rate at 19.4% as of November 2009.

States have identified a new list of "Shovel Ready" transportation projects. Funding for these projects will put more of our people to work. It will also benefit our nation's population. According to a study for the Texas Transportation Institute's Urban Mobility Report, congestion cost our commuters \$87.2 billion annually. This comes in the form of 4.2 billion hours being stuck in traffic and 2.8 billion gallons of wasted fuel.

Every dollar our government invests in our industry will yield economic benefits for our entire nation.

### Join Us in San Antonio, Again, February 14–18



It is only fitting that American Transportation Safety Services Association return to San Antonio for their 40th annual Convention and Traffic Expo. This city has always been one of the favorite places for ATSSA's members to meet. There are many popular tourist attractions nearby and The Riverwalk will be filled with people from our industry.

Crown Technology, LLC is excited to go back to San Antonio. Please come by and visit us while you are there. Crown will be located in Booth #141. We will have people on hand to explain to you why our thermoplastic and service are second to none!



## Employee Spotlight: Darlene Bailey

We are happy to spotlight Darlene Bailey in this issue of our company's newsletter. Darlene has been with Crown Technology, LLC since March of 2002. She is very dependable in her attendance and extremely consistent in her work.

Darlene brought 11 years of quality assurance experience with her to Crown. Previously to her employment here, she worked for a textile company. It was there that Darlene became experienced in quality control testing. She matched shades for cloth in the dyeing process. She also tested fabric for shrinkage, flame retardancy, color fastness and bleeding.



Darlene is both a loving wife and devoted grandmother. In her spare time she teaches a Sunday School Class for 5 year olds. She also enjoys baking and is an avid reader.

## Stop spending time calculating your thermo needs!

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Thermoplastic Calculator". It includes several input fields and radio button options:

- Type:** Radio buttons for Tuffline Alkyd (selected), Tuffline Hydrocarbon, Ecoforma Alkyd, Ecoforma Hydrocarbon, Kwikline Alkyd, and Kwikline Hydrocarbon.
- Mil Thickness:** A text input field.
- Width in Inches:** A text input field.
- Distance:** A text input field.
- Distance Unit:** Radio buttons for Linear Feet (selected), Linear Yards, and Linear Miles.
- Order Unit:** Radio buttons for Pounds and Tons (selected).
- Amount Needed:** A text input field.
- Buttons:** "Calculate" and "Reset" buttons at the bottom.

Do you need an accurate, easy way to calculate your thermoplastic needs? We can help! Just visit our web site [www.crownthermo.com](http://www.crownthermo.com).

Whether your job requires hydro or alkyd, 4" or 6" lines, our thermo calculator can quickly provide you with the necessary amount of material you will need. Several of our customers have been amazed at the usefulness of this tool.