



“Industrial Steel” Category

Third place in Industrial Steel went to Alpine Painting & Sandblasting Contractors for the “Meridian Airport Hangar Interior Painting” project. For this job, a 12-person crew had only three weeks to complete the project because full access would be denied afterward due to the shutdown. They worked around sensitive equipment inside the private hangar, including a thermal coupler line that needed to be protected to avoid setting off foam suppression across the building. The crew cleaned, prepped, primed, and painted with a Sherwin-Williams system. Accepting the award on behalf of Alpine was Demetrios Moraitakis.

Second place was presented to Prime Time Coatings Inc. for the “*USS Carl Vinson CVN-70*” project. This job featured 22 to 25 crew members working to reestablish a non-skid coating to the wire box and Elevator ACE-1 on a nuclear aircraft carrier. The crew worked around five rain days to re-establish an anchor profile before applying systems from International Paint to the carbon steel and aluminum substrates.

First place for the 2023 Industrial Steel category, along with the annual Work It Safe award to recognize a crew following and promoting safe practices in the field, goes to Certified Coatings Company for the “Cold Spring Canyon Arch Bridge” project. Their work involved 15–30 crew members over the course of three years.

At 400 feet (121.9 m) above the canyon floor, this site is one of the highest arch bridges in California and across the United States, not to mention a two-lane highway with blind curves and speeding cars. That meant the crew had to work around access challenges and the threat of fire from a drought to apply the Sherwin-Williams system. Accepting on behalf of Certified Coatings Company was Steve Howington from Sherwin-Williams.