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## **Kolkmann Named Tennis Industry Magazine's Builder/Contractor of the Year**

Fred Kolkmann, CTCB, president of Fred Kolkmann Tennis & Sport Surfaces, LLC, Grafton, Wisconsin, has been named Tennis Industry Magazine's Builder/Contractor of the Year at the American Sports Builder Association (ASBA) annual Technical Meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

The award is part of the magazine's annual *Champions of Tennis* program.

Kolkmann, an ASBA-certified Tennis Court Builder, was honored for his excellence in tennis court design and construction and his ongoing contributions (47-years) to the tennis industry.

Kolkmann has designed, built, and renovated over 2,500 tennis courts, and is experienced in planning and directing the installation and repair of asphalt, clay, modular, post-tensioned concrete, and synthetic-turf tennis court surfaces. He is a frequent speaker at ASBA technical workshops, is co-chairman of the ASBA Tennis Certification Committee, and has served on numerous other ASBA committees.

His unique and extensive experience in evaluating, designing, building, consulting, and preparing construction-cost estimates for tennis court construction, maintenance, repair, and reconstruction services is recognized and tapped into by construction trade media. Fred is often quoted as a tennis court facilities expert, including in recent articles published by Hanley Wood, the Portland Cement Association, Racquet Sport Industry News, and the ConcreteNetwork.

Tennis court projects directed by Fred Kolkmann have garnered statewide and national recognition for their owners, including awards from ASBA, the United States Tennis Association, and the Wisconsin Ready Mixed Concrete Association.

In 2013, Kolkmann presented conference programs for the Wisconsin Park & Recreation Association and the Wisconsin Association of School Business Officials, and annually holds 10 - 14 repair and maintenance seminar programs for public sport facility stakeholders in WI, MN, MI, IL, and IA. His ***Special Report – How to Keep Your Tennis Court(s) in Playable Condition*** – is a popular online download.

Kolkmann's namesake consultancy helps school districts, recreation and park professionals, homeowners, and others get the best value from their tennis court and sport surface investments, providing feasibility studies, award-winning court design and construction consultation services, **unbiased tennis court evaluations**, and effective recommendations for maintaining and expanding the service life of existing courts.