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## **BLASTER'S LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNER ANNOUNCED AT ISEE'S 34<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

CLEVELAND, OHIO – ISEE's 2008 Blaster's Leadership Award was presented to Steven P. Case at the recent 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Explosives & Blasting Technique. This award is presented to an individual who has distinguished themselves through outstanding service to their fellow blasters in the field.

Mr. Case has over 35 years of experience in the explosives and blasting industry. He started out in the business as an independent drilling and blasting contractor moved on to the Pacific Powder Company, a Hercules distributor in the Pacific Northwest and was employed by one company from 1985 to 2007 -- Atlas Powder - ICI Explosives - Energetic Solutions – Orica USA Company.

Additional awards recipients presented at the Annual Awards Banquet were Isabel M. Castro and Vicente Huelamo Arias, who were each recipients of the President's Award.

More than 1,600 blasters, manufacturers, government officials, and suppliers gathered from all over the world to conduct business, exchange information, and form new business alliances at ISEE's 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, held at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 27 – 30, 2008.

The highlight of the popular Blasters Weekend Package was Saturday's Blasters Training Seminar and Sunday's Blasters R Us Video Roundup. Attendees filled the sold out exhibit hall during Sunday's Welcome Reception. Technical sessions kicked off on Monday with keynote speaker Dr. Starnes Walker, Director of Research, Science and Technology Directorate, U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Over seventy papers on topics ranging from blasting, safety, vibration, research, and productivity were presented. The International events brought guests together from all over the world. The Photography Workshop discussed the importance of documenting blasting with still and moving picture.

ISEE will sponsor the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference to be held at the Hyatt Regency Denver Hotel, Denver, Colorado, from February 8 – 11, 2009. The Call for Papers announcement can be viewed online at [www.isee.org](http://www.isee.org) and ISEE is accepting abstracts for presentation at the Conference and publication in the Proceedings.

The International Society of Explosives Engineers has grown to represent more than 4,500 members from more than 90 countries. The Society extends a welcome to anyone wishing to participate in the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. For more information, or to inquire about membership in the Society, call, fax or write:

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**Editor's Note:** Photo can be downloaded from website: <http://www.isee.org/FPawards.htm>

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