

# LOVAT NEWS

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## Richard LOVAT receives the "Service and Supply Award" becoming one of this year's, "Golden Beaver Awardees".

On Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2003 - The Century Plaza Hotel, in Los Angeles, California, served as the backdrop to the evenings main event...The 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Beavers Awards Dinner, with guest speaker, Bob Newhart – master of comedic timing. Members of the Beavers, Awardees and Guests, were invited to recognize, five individuals representing different facets of the heavy construction industry. These individuals have made outstanding contributions to the industry and in doing so, have brought credit to themselves and to their profession. Together, they represent over 210 years of excellence in the construction profession. Over the years, Mr. Lovat has received many awards, including a recent honorary engineering degree from the University of Torino in Italy.

CONGRATULATIONS! Richard.



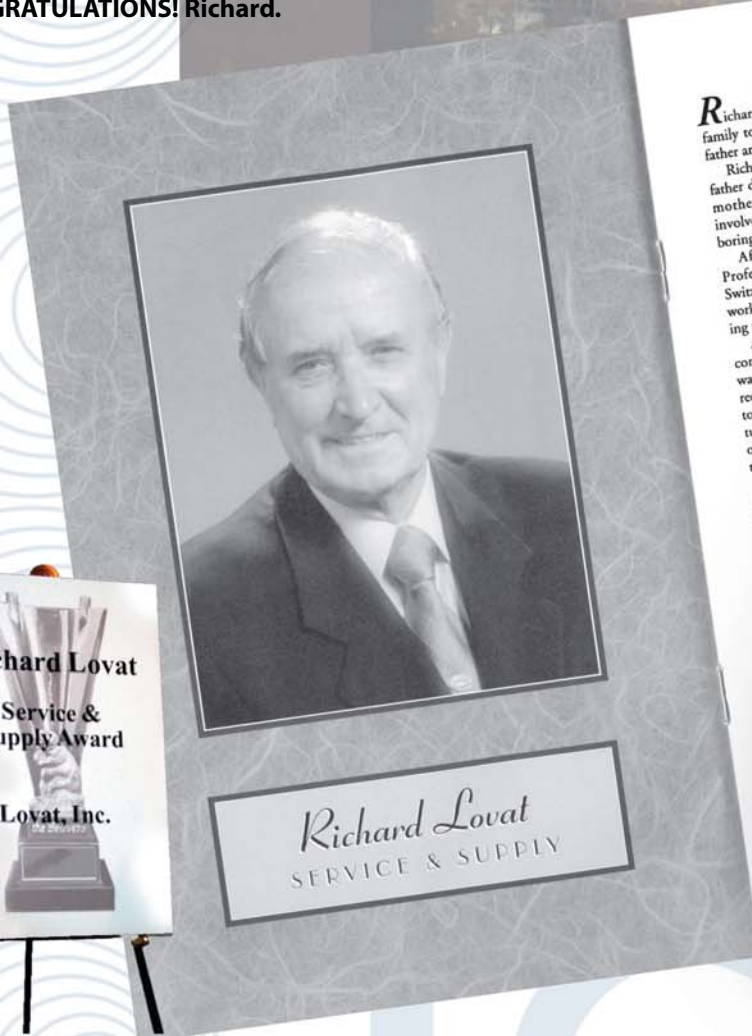
Century Plaza Hotel, Los Angeles, CA



ECIS job site, Los Angeles, CA



48th Annual Beavers Awards Dinner



Richard Lovat's family to be involved in the construction industry. His father and father drove tunnels in 1928. Three years later, his father died of cirrhosis resulting from his work in tunnels. His mother urged him to not to work in tunneling, although he was involved. Ironically, Richard did end up in tunneling, although he used more productive boring machines to make this work safer and more productive. After graduating at the age of 18 from the Istituto Professionale di Belluno, a local mechanical school, Richard moved to Switzerland where there were better job opportunities. He worked as an electrician and foreman on electrical switchgear. There was no real future for him there and in 1950 he moved to Toronto. Arriving in Toronto Richard was hired by Consentino Construction Company as a contractor, Consentino Construction Company was to manage and maintain their equipment. Consentino recognized Richard's mechanical talents and hired him to solve the equipment problems the company was having on the tunnel construction was being done underground. Richard began working on the workers. Richard began experimenting with different methods that could drive tunnels faster and safer. In 1960, Richard formed a partnership with Consentino. In 1963, Consentino's tunnel boring machines were sold to the city of Toronto. The growth of the city engineered by Consentino. By a process of engineering, Richard developed his first tunnel-boring machine. He overcame skepticism from both Consentino and the city as his tunnel boring methods. Along with the tunnel lining, Consentino's machines outstripped the city's. Consentino's machines arose, Richard's even further. In 1972, Consentino's manufacturing plant moved to Greenfield, Massachusetts from Lovat's. Consentino's machines were sold to the city of Singapore. World Record.

