

2009 Readers' Choice Awards winners

Powder and Bulk Engineering salutes the products readers deemed the best or most innovative for dry bulk material handling and processing.

In November, *Powder and Bulk Engineering* published the nominees for the magazine's seventh annual *PBE Readers' Choice Awards* for products that contribute something new or unique to the dry bulk solids market and have the potential to make your job easier, safer, more efficient, and more profitable. Readers, suppliers, and editors nominated products in three categories (processing, handling, and laboratory equipment), and *PBE's* staff boiled these down to 18. We invited you to vote for the best. In this issue, we present you with the winners.

The editors thank all of you who voted and ask you to keep your eyes open during the coming year. If you discover a product that makes a special contribution to the improvement of dry bulk solids processing or handling, *tell us about it*. Send your nominations for the next *PBE Readers' Choice Awards* to Associate Editor, *Powder and Bulk Engineering*, 1155 Northland Drive, St. Paul, MN 55120; fax 651-287-5650 (powderandbulkengineering@cscpub.com).



OVERALL WINNER

AND

First place, Processing Equipment



Dust Collector Controller

FDC dust collector controller provides user-friendly and reliable pulse-cleaning control for all types of cartridge and baghouse dust collectors. Controller cleans filters only when they're dirty, which saves compressed air, helping processing facilities reduce energy costs while extending filter life to reduce maintenance and changeout costs. Controller has a graphical user interface (GUI) for ease of use and has clear, permanent instructions posted on the NEMA 4X water- and chemical-proof box. Controller's switch allows pulse-cleaning only when needed, allowing less dust pass through the filters for reduced emissions. Controller can be programmed using a simple five-step intuitive procedure that's self-taught in less than 1 minute.

Introduced to market: January 2008

Customer says: "We're using the FDC controller with a cartridge-style dust collector that captures fine quartz dust. We've found the controller to be very 'working-man-friendly' and simple to use, unlike programmable logic controllers (PLC) that have complicated access codes. All we have to do is specify the high-pressure setting and select on-demand cleaning, and the controller does the rest. It's doing twice the amount of work we expected."

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