

## RMA Ground Rubber Recycling Conference

The Rubber Manufacturers Association (RMA), Clemson University Asphalt Rubber Technology Service (ARTS), the Rubber Association of Canada and Empire State Development will sponsor *Scrap to Profit 3 -- Using Ground Rubber in Rubber and Plastic Products* on June, 3-4, at the Hyatt in Buffalo, New York. The conference theme is "Learn, Network, Share and Promote."

"We are very pleased to continue the effort of advancing higher-valued added markets and building upon the success of the last two conferences," Michael Blumenthal, RMA vice president said. "At this conference we are expanding the products to be discussed, and will have in-depth panels and discussions on playgrounds, infill and mulch, three of the faster growing markets in our industry. These markets have come under con-

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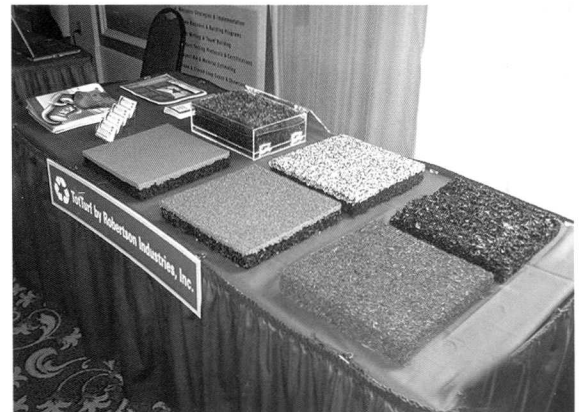
## Tire and Rubber Recyclers Remain Resilient

One thing tire and rubber recyclers aren't doing in this down economy is nothing. Rather, they are looking for ways to make their operations more efficient, they are exploring new markets and they are taking every opportunity to expand their knowledge and skill sets.

Tire and rubber recyclers found these opportunities at TIA's 2009 Tire and Rubber Recycling Conference in Orlando in February. The conference which is one component of TIA's three-prong Commercial Tire Retread and Recycling conference, attracted 130 attendees – up more than 20 percent from last year's totals.

"Attending this conference is really an investment for our business," Michael Locklear, President of Cleveland, OH-based National Tire & Rubber company said. "It's very beneficial for our company to be able to learn about the latest industry trends and issues."

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AZ-based TotTurf exhibited recycled rubber surfacing products

## FieldTurf Milestone

FieldTurf is installing its 3000th installation worldwide at the Grass Lawn Park in the City of Redmond, Washington. The installation is a milestone for Toronto, Canada-based FieldTurf and is the seventh synthetic turf field the company has installed in the City of Redmond, since the city purchased their first FieldTurf field in 2000.

"Redmond is proud to be the 3000th installation of FieldTurf's synthetic field surface product and we are happy to be part of this milestone," City of Redmond Mayor John Marchione said. "A very important reason we use this product is because of its environmental benefits. We save a significant amount of water, fertilizer and carbon emissions every year," he said. Because the grass-like artificial surface is so durable, the fields can accommodate all of the City's sports teams, as well as community and non-sporting events, Marchione said. Mayor Marchione and FieldTurf executives will be present at the celebratory ribbon-cutting ceremony to be held at Grass Lawn Park in the spring. ♦



FieldTurf Photo

A new synthetic turf field complex at Grass Lawn Park in the City of Redmond, WA is the 3000th installation for FieldTurf and will be multi-use similar to the FieldTurf-installed sports field complex in Lindstrom, NM pictured above.

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