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Midwest Construction Honors “Best of 2009” Competition Winners

Chicago—September 23, 2009—Midwest Construction is announcing the winners of its Best of 2009 competition. The annual contest recognizes excellence in heavy construction and design in Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Missouri, as well as Iowa, Ohio, Michigan, and Minnesota.

In mid-September independent experts judged the 128 projects entered in the competition’s 20 classifications. Eligible projects were completed in 2009 or fall, 2008.

The entries were sorted into categories so judges could compare similar projects by key criteria, such as quality, project management, innovation, challenges overcome, and safety. Outstanding projects were given an award of merit. In nearly all categories, the most outstanding project was given a project-of-the-year award.

The judges also selected winners of five special awards, including overall project of the year, project owner of the year, outstanding project management, outstanding architectural function and aesthetic, and outstanding engineering function and aesthetics.

The 48 winners will be featured in the December issue of Midwest Construction and honored at an awards breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., December 2, at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel. Each winning project’s owner, designer, and general contractor will be recognized and receive an award.

On-line registration for the December 2 awards breakfast is available at www.construction.com. Event information is available by calling Tony Figueroa at 312-233-7344.

Midwest Construction’s project-of-the-year winners will compete against winning entries from other regions in the National Best of 2009 competition. National winners will be profiled in Engineering News-Record, a national weekly construction-industry magazine published by McGraw-Hill, which also publishes Midwest Construction.

Midwest Construction’s Best of 2009 Winners (POY = Project of the Year; AOM= Award of Merit)

Civil / Public Works

POY: Reconstruction of County Hwy A and Refilling of Lake Delton

AOM: Jackson Avenue Bridge Reconstruction

AOM: Silver Lake Reconstruction Project

Cultural

POY: Art Institute of Chicago, Modern Wing and Nichols Bridgeway

AOM: Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center

Environmental

POY: Tetra Tech Fox River Sediment Processing Facility

AOM: The Grove on Kickapoo Creek Stream Restoration

Government / Public

POY: Montgomery Village Hall

AOM: Public Building Commission Fire Stations No. 18, 70, 102, 121

Green Building

POY: Novus International Global Headquarters

AOM: Col. H. Weir Cook Terminal Building at Indianapolis International Airport

AOM: Hidden Oaks Nature Center

Healthcare

POY: Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital

Higher Education / Research

POY: University of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Institutes for Medical Research

AOM: North Central College Wentz Concert Hall and Fine Arts Center

AOM: The Gwen and Jules Knapp Center for Biomedical Discovery, University of Chicago

Industrial

POY: Danisco Project Glacier

AOM: Covidien Pilot Plant

Interior Design / Tenant Improvement

POY: The Art Institute of Chicago—Modern Wing Restaurant

AOM: Societe Generale

K-12 Education

POY: Charles H. Shaw Technology & Learning Center; Henry Ford Academy; Power House High

AOM: Muchin College Prep

AOM: Penta Career Center

Landscape / Urban Design

POY: Wabash Avenue Underbridge Connection and Riverwalk

Multi-Family Residential / Hospitality

POY: Trump International Hotel & Tower

AOM: Parkview Tower West

AOM: The Clare at Water Tower

Office

POY: 155 North Wacker

AOM: 300 North LaSalle

AOM: Epic Systems Corporation Campus 2—Building K

Renovation / Restoration

POY: Milwaukee City Hall Historic Building Restoration

AOM: Cottingham & Butler

AOM: Hanna Theatre Renovation

AOM: Thompson Library Renovation, The Ohio State University

Retail

POY: The Wit Hotel

AOM: Whole Foods Market—Kingsbury

Small Project

POY: Old Post Office Plaza

Specialty Contracting

AOM: Museum of Science and Industry Central Cooling Plant

Sports / Recreation

POY: Lucas County Multi-Purpose Arena

AOM: University of Dubuque Chlapaty Recreation and Wellness Center

Transportation

POY: Rosa Parks Transit Center

AOM: Epic Systems Corporation Campus 2—Parking Ramp Y

Worship

AOM: Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

Overall Project of the Year: Trump Tower

Owner of the Year: Judy Faulkner, Epic Systems

Outstanding Project Management: Reconstruction of County Hwy. A and Refilling of Lake Delton

Outstanding Architectural Function & Aesthetics: Art Institute of Chicago Modern Wing and Nichols Bridgeway.

Outstanding Engineering Function & Aesthetics: Col. H. Weir Cook Terminal Building, Indianapolis International Airport

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