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Stay close. Come together. Stay as one.

By Randy DeMario, 2010 AGC Colorado President

In a thrilling scene in the 2000 movie "Gladiator," General Maximus stands in the center of the Coliseum with other gladiators, waiting for Roman attackers to charge into the arena. "Whatever comes out of these gates, we've got a better chance of survival if we work together," he shouts. "Do you understand? If we stay together, we survive." As Roman chariots pour through the gates, Maximus orders, "Stay close! Come together! Stay as one!" Minutes later, the spectacle is over. Maximus and his team have prevailed.

Colorado's construction industry is currently fighting for its future. We are surrounded by challenges—a lack of projects, anti-business legislative bills, government mandated labor agreements, a more aggressive OSHA and EPA, budget cuts to higher education, rising health insurance costs and restrictive banking regulations. Yet despite these threats, we can survive these tumultuous times and emerge even stronger. This is possible if all of us in Colorado's construction industry stay close, come together and stay as one.

STAY CLOSE: Start with an AGC membership. Just as a choir is louder than a soloist, AGC's voice and influence in fostering a more business-friendly environment is greater with more members. If you're a current member, complete and send in the AGC membership renewal packet. Interested in joining

AGC? Contact AGC/Colorado Membership Director Kim Gill at (303) 388-2422 x1903 or kim@agccolorado.org.

COME TOGETHER: Participate in AGC committees and events. AGC committees are the lifeblood of our organization. By coming together with other industry leaders on a committee, you can enhance the services we offer members, ensure a greater impact on legislative issues that affect us all and continue to improve AGC's educational offerings. Event participation and networking build a collective AGC voice that has greater impact.

STAY AS ONE: Speak with a common voice. Your AGC/Colorado board of directors is comprised of prominent industry leaders who represent you with a strong, unified voice. When members understand the issues and speak passionately about them with staff, vendors and owners, we speak with a common voice. Only then is our message truly heard.

Become an AGC member. Participate. Stand side-by-side with us and speak with a common voice. The outcome will be a stronger Colorado construction industry better positioned to tackle the challenges of a difficult business environment.



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Annual Legislative Review

AGC Racks Up Legislative Accomplishments in 2009 and Sets Course for 2010

By Michael Gifford, Executive Director
AGC Colorado

AGC had a good year in the legislative arena and has plans to ramp up our efforts even more in 2010.

2009 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Defeated four Poison Pill Amendments

AGC raised \$250,000 and helped defeat four union backed bills that would have crippled the Colorado economy.

EFCA – Card Check

AGC stopped Card Check in its tracks. AGC sent thousands of letters to Congress through our Legislative Action Center e-mail system and 2nd Vice President Dave Ivis of GE Johnson and Jeff Wennas of Hensel Phelps Construction traveled to Washington D.C. to meet with Senators Udall and Bennet to lobby for defeat of the bill.

Prompt Pay Improvements at City & County of Denver

AGC ran a bill in 2009 to improve payment terms for contractors. The bill stalled in the Senate. But AGC used the momentum to negotiate an amendment to Denver’s prevailing wage ordinance to allow for partial payment applications—speeding cash flow to contractors. Additional improvements to the change directive and payment application processes are being discussed as we head into 2010.

Placed 2009 AGC President on Governor’s Economic Stimulus Team

AGC was able to place our 2009 AGC president on the Governor’s Economic Stimulus Team (the CERAB Board).

Pinnacol Work Comp Insurance

AGC helped stop the legislature from raiding \$500 million from Pinnacol to balance the state budget, or from returning Pinnacol to a state run agency.

Economic Development Advocacy

AGC joined the Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation (MDEDC) and began investing in business recruitment efforts for the Colorado economy. AGC also teamed with the MDEDC to craft www.stimuluscolorado.org to get information flowing on the stimulus well ahead of other sources.



2010 GOALS

Construction Defects

AGC will partner with NAIOP to defend the industry from additional construction defect legislation.

Government Mandated Project Labor Agreements

AGC opposes Government Mandated Project Labor Agreements on public projects. AGC has stopped one PLA and is actively opposing PLAs on federal projects in Colorado.

Public Works Project Financing

AGC will fight a proposed amendment to the state constitution that would prohibit the use of COPs to fund public projects, and to repeal the FASTER bill approved in 2009 to fund road and bridge projects.

Promote Infrastructure Funding

AGC will promote infrastructure funding (for universities, schools, water, sewer and roads) to both state and local government as a way to grow the market and improve the economy.

Change Orders/Change Directives

AGC will continue progress with the City and County of Denver and support a state bill to require public agencies to make timely payments on change orders/change directives.

Economic Development

AGC Executive Director Michael Gifford sits on the MDEDC Board of Governors to help direct business recruitment and retention efforts and policies.



AGC Member Benefits

American Express Corporate Card Program

AGC/C members gain greater control of spending, earn valuable rewards and improve their bottom line. The American Express Corporate Card program, the leading commercial card program used by more than 60% of Fortune 500 companies, is now accessible to all qualified AGC of Colorado members. In addition to the significant benefits that your company will receive, your participation in this program also supports the AGC/C.

Hard-dollar savings and program benefits

- Earn significant savings on business spending with leading national suppliers.
- Write fewer checks and improve cash flow up to a 60-day float.
- You can earn points redeemable for valuable rewards for business spending through the award-winning Membership Rewards® program. Points can be used for sales incentives, employee travel, customer appreciation, loyalty programs, etc.

More protection and control over spending

- Protect your company against fraud with program liability options.
- Get a complete picture of your spending so that you can establish and enforce expense policies.

AGC/C members who utilize the Corporate Card program benefit from paying everyday business expenses such as machine parts, maintenance supplies, safety equipment, computer hardware and software, shipping, advertising, web hosting, office supplies, waste management, uniforms, and more.

Contact Kim Gill, membership director, at (303) 388-2422 to see how American Express can help your company gain greater control, earn valuable rewards for dollars spent and improve your bottom line.



“AGC is the premier organization for general contractors, subcontractors and related businesses in Colorado.”

*Randy DeMario,
President, Heath
Construction*

Calendar of Events

General Membership Meetings @ Lakewood Country Club:

- February 2**, General Membership Luncheon, 11:30-1:30 p.m.
- March 2**, Orientation & General Membership Luncheon 10:00-1:30 p.m.

Northern Colorado Events

- February TBD**, Education Conference / Networking Event @ Colorado State University
- March 11**, Speaker, Don Marostica, CO Economic Development Director: 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
- April 8**, Bowling / Networking Event – Chipper Lanes, 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Southern Colorado Events

- January 28**, AGC/ SMPS Luncheon, Stimulus Funding Update, Location TBD, 11:30-1:30 p.m.

Upcoming Training @ AGC Education Center:

JANUARY

January 20

Breakfast with OSHA

January 21

Fall Protection

January 14 & 15

LEED Green Associate Training 8:00-4:30pm

January 22

Basic Stormwater

Beginning January 19

ESL – 8 weeks 4:30 – 6:30 pm

January 25

LEAN Construction

January 27, 28 & 29

Stormwater Manager

January 25 & 26

Advanced Stormwater Training

FEBRUARY

February 3

LEED – Lunch & Learn

February 5

LEED - CEU



2010 AGC Committee Meeting Dates

Mark your calendars now for these important meeting!

AIA/AGC/ACEC Liaison Committee

7:15-9:00AM @ AGC Education Center

Jan-19	Apr-20	Sep-21
Feb-23	May-18	Oct-19
Mar-16	Jun-15	Nov-16

Member Services Committee

7:30-9:00AM @ AGC Education Center

Jan-20	May-19	Sep-15
Feb-17	Jun-16	Oct-20
Mar-17	Jul-21	Nov-17
Apr-21	Aug-18	Dec-15

Crane Task Force

7:00-9:00AM @ AGC Boardroom

Jan-22	May-21	Sep-17
Feb-19	Jun-18	Oct-15
Mar-19	Jul-16	Nov-19
Apr-16	Aug-20	

Construction Career Days Committee

9:00-11:00AM @ AGC Boardroom

Jan-08	May-14	Sep-10
Feb-12	Jun-11	Sep-24
Mar-12	Jul-09	Nov-12
Apr-09	Aug-13	

Education Committee

11:30-1:00PM @ AGC Conference Room

Jan-20	Jul-21
Mar-17	Sep-15
May-19	Nov-17

FLF Steering Committee

6:00-8:00AM @ AGC Conference Room

Jan-12	May-11	Sep-14
Feb-09	Jun-08	Oct-12
Mar-09	Jul-13	Nov-09
Apr-13	Aug-10	Dec-14

FLF Committee

2:00-6:00PM @ AGC Education Center

Jan-21	May-20	Sep-16
Feb-18	Jun-17	Oct-21
Mar-18	Jul-15	Nov-18
Apr-15	Aug-19	Dec-16

Legislative Committee and councils.

7:30-9:00AM @ AGC Conference Room

Jan 14 & 28	May-27	Sep-23
Feb 11 & 25	Jun-24	Oct-28
Mar 11 & 25	Jul-22	Nov-18
Apr 8 & 22	Aug-26	

Management Committee

8:00-10:00AM @ AGC Conference Room

Jan-19	May-18	Sep-21
Feb-16	Jun-15	Oct-19
Mar-16	Jul-20	Nov-09
Apr-20	Aug-17	Dec-14

Associate Board

7:45-9:00AM @ AGC Boardroom

	May-06	Sep-02
Feb-04	Jun-03	Oct-07
Mar-04	Jul-01	Nov-04
Apr-01	Aug-05	Dec-TBD

Safety Council

11:30-1:00PM @ AGC Education Center

Jan-26	May-04	Sep-28
Feb-23	Jun-22	Oct-26
Mar-23	Jul-27	Nov-23
Apr-27	Aug-24	

Southern Colorado Committee

8:00-9:30AM @ CO Springs

Jan-06	May-05	Sep-01
Feb-03	Jun-02	Oct-06
Mar-03	Jul-07	Nov-03
Apr-07	Aug-04	Dec-01

Specialty Contractors Council

7:00-9:00AM @ AGC Education Center

Jan-13	May-12	Sep-08
Feb-10	Jun-09	Oct-13
Mar-10	Jul-14	Nov-10
Apr-14	Aug-11	Dec-08

Stormwater Council

10:00-12:00PM @ AGC Education Center

Jan-28	Jun-24
Mar-25	Sep-30

Student Chapters

TBD

Subcontractor Relations Committee

12:00-1:30PM @ AGC Education Center

Jan-11	May-03	Sep-13
Feb-01	Jun-07	Oct-04
Mar-01		Nov-01
Apr-05		Dec-06

AGC Board of Directors

7:30 - 10:00am @ AGC

Jan-26	May-25	Sep-28
Feb 18 -20	Jun-22	Oct-26
Mar-23	Jul-27	Nov-16
Apr-27	Aug-24	Dec-07

No. Colorado Committee

8:00 - 9:30am @ Loveland / Ft. Collins

Jan-21	May-20	Sep-16
Feb-11	Jun-17	Oct-21
Mar-18	Jul-15	Nov-18
Apr-15	Aug-19	Dec-16

All AGC/C members are invited to participate in the committees and councils. If you would like to attend, please notify the staff liaison at 303-388-2422 or by email:

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AGC/C ACE AWARDS



Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter addressed a crowd of nearly 600 people at the 2009 ACE Awards banquet. This year's program attracted 33 project entries from 24 firms. Other banquet highlights included an introduction of the AGC of Colorado Infrastructure Initiative and recognition of the AGC of Colorado special community service projects for Colorado State University's Construction Management Building and the Rebuild of Chimney Park for the Town of Windsor.

The ACE Awards program continues to be a great way for contractors to market their unique services to public and private owners and the development community. AGC of Colorado congratulates the ACE Awards Committee members for a great event and is thankful for the partnership with McGraw-Hill in bringing this review to life in the AGC Colorado's quarterly *OnSite* magazine. More than 7,700 industry professionals are receiving this publication. We hope you enjoy reading about this year's award winning projects.

2009 AGC ACE Awards Judges

David Bishton, Moore and Bishton Architects, PC - CSI

Stuart Coppedge, RTA Architects – AIA Colorado

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CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY

ACE: JE Dunn Construction Company
Marian House Soup Kitchen

Expanding its Reach

The Marian House Soup Kitchen in Colorado Springs was created in 1970 and today serves 600 people daily. In dire need of more space and efficiency to pursue its mission, Catholic Charities turned to JE Dunn to expand the facility and add new capabilities. Working on a very tight budget typical of a non-profit organization, JE Dunn collaborated with the architect to develop a two-phase plan to build 26,500 sq. ft. of new space – and realized great savings along the way. Not only is there a new kitchen and dining area, but Marian House also now operates a Self Sufficiency Center complete with a clinic, exam rooms, education area and donation center.



SILVER: GE Johnson Construction Company, Inc.
Habitat for Humanity Headquarters Renovation

Home Sweet Home

Habitat for Humanity has built more than 380 homes in the Denver metro area to help families break the cycle of poverty. However, they had no home of their own – until now. GE Johnson led a team of more than 20 local contractors in renovating the former Teamsters building to serve as Habitat's permanent headquarters. In the process, the GE Johnson team donated enough time and materials to cover more than 62% of the total project cost.



MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF A DIFFICULT JOB-SUBCONTRACTOR

ACE: Duro Electric Company

WINNER: Jack Mincher People's Choice Award, Subcontractor
Northrop Grumman

Perfect Landing

It started as a routine conference room remodel project. But then Northrop Grumman decided what they really wanted was a state-of-the-art presentation center with cutting edge capabilities and a WOW factor second to none. For Duro Electric, the project



scope increased seven-fold, the schedule remained the same and the design was completely revamped based on a dramatic jet aircraft theme. Among other things, Duro had to install a spectacular video presentation system incorporating more than 150 monitors and an innovative lighting package capable of producing any color in the spectrum. In spite of a complete redesign and complex technologies, Duro met the challenge, right on schedule.

SILVER: Ludvik Electric Co.
Broadcast Power

Power Up

From its Dry Creek Media Center in Centennial, Comcast now provides cable, Internet, data and telecommunication services. More services require more equipment. More equipment generates more heat. More heat requires more cooling. And all of it requires more power to stay up and running. Ludvik Electric was dialed into the project to upgrade and expand the capacity, distribution and reli-



BRONZE: RK Mechanical, Inc.
Ameristar Hotel – Black Hawk

Raising the Stakes

Gambling was once nothing more than a game of poker or craps in a back room of a local saloon in Black Hawk. But all that has changed with the opening of the 536-room Ameristar Hotel, the largest hotel casino in Black Hawk to date. RK Mechanical had to overcome weather, rockslides, aggressive schedules and mountain conditions to handle the installation of the Ameristar's extensive mechanical systems.





MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF A DIFFICULT JOB – GENERAL CONTRACTOR

ACE: Fransen Pittman General Contractors
WINNER: Jack Mincher People's Choice Award, General Contractor
Lockheed Martin Space Operations Simulation Center

NASA Mission

When NASA's new Orion Crew Exploration Vehicle docks with the next generation of space stations and lunar landers, the astronauts will be well prepared thanks to the specialized testing now underway at the Lockheed Martin Space Operations Simulation Center built by Fransen Pittman. Like a mission to the moon, building the LEED Gold facility presented a unique set of obstacles and precise requirements along the way. Tremendous amounts of groundwater and rock had to be dealt with during excavation. Some foundation elements were installed to 1/16-inch accuracy. Special air handling, electrical and security systems were designed and installed.



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SILVER: Mortenson Construction
Vestas Blade Facility Phases I & II

Wind Power

Shipping 144-ft. long wind turbine blades across the Atlantic takes time and costs money. So Vestas Blades selected Windsor, Colo. to locate their first U.S. manufacturing plant. Mortenson was chosen to build the 400,000-sq.-ft. high-tech facility. Requirements included skylights for optimal lighting and energy savings, exceptional floor flatness, optimal crane mobility and innovative slab reinforcement. Thanks to Mortenson's expertise, this wind power project was a breeze.



BRONZE: GE Johnson Construction Company, Inc.
Project: Manor Vail Penthouses

Resort Innovation

Built in 1962, Manor Vail was one Vail's first resorts. GE Johnson and the design team developed a unique "tabletop" construction approach to add 17 luxury penthouse condominiums



and upgrade the original units. A steel structure and new skin were built around and above the existing three-story buildings. This technique preserved the floor plans and look of the original resort while creating the most desirable new penthouses in Vail Village.

DESIGN/BUILD (ALL PROJECTS) – SUBCONTRACTOR

ACE: ADK Electric Corporation
TIAA-CREF Generator Addition and UPS Modification

Protecting Assets

One of the missions at TIAA-CREF is to keep the finances and records of our nation's educators safe and secure. That includes insuring an uninterrupted source of power. ADK Electric was hired to install emergency generators, UPS backup and a 6,500-gallon fuel storage tank at their facility in the heart of Denver – a facility with no obvious space available. ADK worked closely with 11 government entities to create acceptable locations for the installations – from five stories above street level to two stories below. Sound ratings, fire protection, public safety and other considerations made the project extremely complex, including construction of a building within a building.





SILVER: Ludvik Electric Co.
Andrews Hall at CU Boulder

Updating History

While the exterior of 1960s-era Andrews Hall had to maintain the look and feel of CU's scenic Kittredge Dorm Complex, the interior had to be completely updated to meet the wants and needs of 21st century students. Ludvik Electric upgraded multiple wiring systems including power, lighting, fire alarm, telephone, data, wifi and security in the brick-walled building, leaving no exposed conduit runs.



DESIGN/BUILD (ALL PROJECTS) – PRIME CONTRACTOR

ACE: Mortenson Construction
University of Northern Colorado
West Campus Residence Complex

Home Away From Home

Higher education is a competitive undertaking these days. Recruiting and retaining students is a challenge for all universities. The University of Northern Colorado enrolled Mortenson as head of a design/build team to construct its new West Campus Residence Complex. The prominent campus location and the traditional masonry exterior make a strong impression as students arrive on campus. Inside, suites feature living rooms along with separate bathrooms and individual showers. Each wing includes a student lounge, kitchen, laundry and study room. With well-appointed common areas, ADA compliance and the amenities that today's students want, Mortenson built a place where students can feel right at home.



PROJECT OF THE YEAR – SUBCONTRACTOR (UNDER \$2 MILLION)

ACE: MTech Mechanical Technologies Group, Inc.
Solix Biofuels Coyote Gulch Demonstration Facility

Turning Algae into Energy

Solix Biofuels is turning the microalgae they grow at their Coyote Gulch Demonstration Facility into oil. MTech Mechanical designed and installed the innovative and complex piping system for the remote facility located near Durango. The unique and difficult installation included more than 43,000 ft. of galvanized pipe that required



MTech to weld steel plates inside in order to obtain proper ballast weight in the thermal basins where the algae is grown. Lengths of pipe were then pre-assembled and walked into the basins in order to avoid damage to the EPDM liners.

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PROJECT OF THE YEAR – SUBCONTRACTOR (\$2-\$6 MILLION)

ACE: E Light Electric Services, Inc.
Swedish Medical Center Tower Expansion and Renovation

Keeping Swedish Operating

Consider this: in a frantic emergency room, an accident victim is being treated for life-threatening injuries. Directly above, an electrician is unobtrusively installing 20 ft. of new conduit. Welcome to this E Light jobsite. When Swedish Medical Center set about an upgrade, a tower expansion and a Natal Intensive Care Unit renovation, E Light Electric had to accomplish the installation of more than 142 mi. of wire throughout the campus – all without interrupting the workings of the hospital. Four complete new power systems were necessary to feed the new and remodeled facilities which included more than 50,000 sq. ft. of patient rooms on the new 6th and 7th floors.



SILVER: Metropolitan Glass, Inc.
Colorado State University Diagnostic Medical Center

The Art of Science

While researching and identifying animal diseases is serious science, the new College of Veterinary Science Diagnostic Medical Center at CSU is a work of art. Metropolitan Glass created three impressive glass features for the new state-of-the-art facility. First, an enormous curved façade creates a stunning first impression. Then, once inside, a three-story art glass wall depicts images inspired by Petri dishes and bacteria with a collage of over-scaled imagery up to 40-ft. in diameter. And overhead is an expansive skylight made up of 142 hand-placed glass sections weighing up to 500 pounds each.



BRONZE: Greiner Electric
Centennial Station

Power Boost

The Centennial Station Office Building project seemed like a simple undertaking – until a high security tenant decided to move in. At the last hour, Greiner Electric had to completely redesign the power distribution and lighting systems for the entire building, more than doubling their contract with no extension of the completion date. Greiner overcame difficult obstacles with simple solutions, drawing on experience and a lot of off-site prefabrication of components including entire electrical room walls.



PROJECT OF THE YEAR – SUBCONTRACTOR (\$6-\$10 MILLION)

ACE: Ludvik Electric Co.
Medical Center of Aurora

Operating Instructions

This project could be compared to a heart transplant operation on a human being. To provide more services, the Medical Center of Aurora needed to remodel its existing Central Tower and build a new five-story Heart Care Tower. Ludvik Electric was charged with keeping hospital operations alive throughout the two and one-half year construction schedule. Ludvik's work included reconstruction of the existing Central Utility Plant while insuring uninterrupted power to support hospital services including surgery and life support systems. By carefully working out a plan to provide temporary power as old equipment and service was replaced by new, Ludvik kept the electrical power flowing and the hospital survived all construction operations.



SILVER: Metropolitan Glass, Inc.
Ameristar Hotel & Casino, Black Hawk

Vegas Comes to the Rockies

It's Las Vegas, Black Hawk style. The new Ameristar Casino Hotel is all glitz and glamour. The hotel's breathtaking rooftop swimming pool and whirlpool deck is enclosed by glass with skylights and moveable doors that can be closed in winter and opened in warmer weather. Metropolitan Glass carefully handled the installation along with hundreds of other glass features such as handrails, curtain walls and shower enclosures.



PROJECT OF THE YEAR – SUBCONTRACTOR (OVER \$10 MILLION)

ACE: Trautman & Shreve, Inc.
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
Science & Engineering Building

Building a Reputation

To earn a reputation as the premier regional research university in the U.S. the University of Colorado at Colorado Spring needs a premier Science & Engineering building. Trautman & Shreve helped the school create one on the growing UCCS campus. The new facility is the university's largest building and also the most energy efficient thanks to innovations such as heat recovery units and "ice builders" incorporated into the cooling system. The mechanical installation was intricate and complex with 24 separate piping systems and specialized HVAC requirements including negative pressure zones.



SILVER: Ludvik Electric Co.
Ameristar Black Hawk Hotel

Scaling New Heights

At 34 stories tall, the Ameristar Casino Hotel took Ludvik Electric to new heights in mountain electrical installations. One particular challenge was the routing of feeders and branch conduits. With electrical rooms located only on the 8th and 33rd levels, there was no tolerance for error. Vertical distribution through four-in. walls traversed 11 floors and had to be precise. Ludvik overcame this and many other obstacles to electrify the tallest building between Denver and Salt Lake City.



PROJECT OF THE YEAR – PRIME CONTRACTOR (UNDER \$5 MILLION)

ACE: JHL Constructors, Inc.
Flagstaff Academy Charter School

High Marks

A drab old commercial building surrounded by a concrete parking lot isn't exactly the best setting for kids to learn. So Flagstaff Academy Charter School called on JHL Constructors to turn their school building into a unique learning environment for students in Kindergarten through 8th grade. The building was transformed into bright hallways, classrooms, science and computer labs, music and art rooms. A new gymnasium was also added. Where possible JHL used environmentally friendly materials such as Tectum Acoustic Clouds in exposed ceilings and solar tubing to take advantage of Colorado sunlight. Meanwhile, the parking lot was replaced by grassy athletic fields and sandy playgrounds to complete the picture.



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PROJECT OF THE YEAR – GENERAL CONTRACTOR (\$5-\$15 MILLION)

ACE: Saunders Construction, Inc.
Johnson and Wales University – Wildcat Hall

A Winning Team

If you're going to compete in the NCAA, you have to play by the rules. Wildcat Hall gymnasium at Johnson and Wales University was built in 1946 and is home for many of the school's athletic events, including their nationally ranked men's volleyball team. When it no longer complied with NCAA facility standards, Saunders Construction was recruited to rebuild the gymnasium within the confines of the original building. Saunders built a new steel frame and installed new wood floors, improved lighting, expanded seating and media facilities. There are also new locker rooms and fitness areas. All of the new features are contained in a building that retains its historic appearance on the outside.



SILVER: JE Dunn Construction Company
Monument Academy Charter School

Making the Grade

The first parent/teacher conference at Monument Academy was held from the tailgates of SUVs. How times have changed. JE Dunn built the school's new 74,000-sq.-ft. building, designed to be an efficient and lasting structure. To keep costs low, donated and reused items were utilized including doors, flooring, furniture and casework. Sustainable materials and energy efficient features are employed throughout.



PROJECT OF THE YEAR – GENERAL CONTRACTOR (\$15-\$30 MILLION)

ACE: Calcon Constructors, Inc.
Howelsen Place

Landmark Construction

How do you replace a vintage landmark in a historic ski town? Very carefully! Calcon Constructors was given the daunting challenge of replacing Steamboat Springs' Harbor Hotel with a new retail and residential complex called Howelsen Place, named after the town's pioneer skier. Calcon built 42 unique luxury residences over some of the liveliest retail stores in Steamboat – all at the town's most prominent intersection at 7th and Lincoln. Through a harsh winter that dumped 500 in. of snow on construction crews, Calcon was able to build what is sure to become the town's newest landmark.



SILVER: Haselden Construction, LLC
Seventeen 55 Blake Street

A Balancing Act

It's always a delicate balance between preserving tradition and pursuing progress. In building the first contemporary, energy efficient, LEED-certified commercial building in LoDo, Haselden first had to demolish a 100-year-old structure. Haselden replaced it with a modern, sustainable facility that blends with remaining historic buildings, including the one next door erected in 1905. The contractor's appreciation for tradition combined with an eye for progress kept it all perfectly balanced in LoDo.



BRONZE: Swinerton Builders
Poudre Valley Health System Medical Office Building,
Parking Structure and Pedestrian Bridges

Making Connections

As the Poudre Valley Health System continues to grow, connectivity becomes more and more important. Swinerton Builders constructed a new four-story medical office building and adjoining parking structure. The hospital was on the other side of Lemay Avenue, and the buildings had to be connected. In just two days, Swinerton erected three lengthy and heavy pedestrian bridges linking the two parts of the campus – with minimal disruption to traffic.



PROJECT OF THE YEAR – GENERAL CONTRACTOR (\$30-\$60 MILLION)

ACE: GH Phipps Construction Companies
Denver Health Core Remodels

The Heart of the Matter

When the mission is to save lives in a renowned Trauma/Emergency Department, nothing can interfere. Not even a total remodel of core facilities – the hospital's heart. GH Phipps took on this challenge at Denver Health. The assignment was to completely remodel the emergency department and reception area as well as the lower level kitchen and cafeteria, and add a new Pediatric Emergency department. Spread over 138,000 sq. ft. of floor space, the areas involved affected virtually everyone in the hospital, from patients to staff to visitors – 24 hours a day. No interruption or interference of services was acceptable—from meal preparation to emergency surgery. Phipps' expertise and skills kept the heart of Denver Health beating through the entire procedure.



SILVER: Drahota Commercial, LLC
Trailhead Lodge

Residential Resort Community

Two winters of construction in Steamboat Springs bring plenty of snow, mud, cold and more. But Drahota Commercial took it all in stride to build the ski town's only residential resort community, the Trailhead Lodge at Wildhorse Meadows. The project includes 86 fully furnished condos, underground parking, pools, a grotto, three spas and elegant finishes that make this Steamboat's newest luxury address.



BRONZE: Beck Residential, LLC
The Meridian at The Landmark

Customized Luxury

When building The Meridian at The Landmark, Beck Residential's key clients were the individual owners of the luxury condominiums – all 143 of them. The Beck team worked with the owners one by one, floor by floor, to customize each unit to unique luxury finish levels, which often required long lead times for delivery of material from overseas. Phased completions allowed some owners to move in while other units were being finished.



PROJECT OF THE YEAR – GENERAL CONTRACTOR (OVER \$60 MILLION)

ACE: Swinerton Builders
One Lincoln Park

Towering Beauty

Over the years, the streets in downtown Denver have come together to create some unusual shapes. Now, one of those shapes is occupied by a unique structure that changes the skyline forever. One Lincoln Park is a 32-story high rise combining retail space and luxury condominiums. Swinerton turned the trapezoid-shaped site at 20th and Lincoln into one of downtown Denver's newest landmarks. Featuring a truly distinctive cantilevered structure, an elegant combination of materials, innovative window technology, and custom designed interiors, One Lincoln Park raises the bar for design and construction in luxury living. And thanks to Swinerton, one of Denver's awkward blocks has been magically transformed into a towering beauty.





SPECIAL RECOGNITION – COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Construction Management Building at CSU

When the need arose to renovate the historic 1883 Industrial Sciences building on the Colorado State University campus, with no campus funding available, members of Colorado's construction community lined up to enroll. Setting aside their competitive spirits, seven AGC of Colorado general contractors and more than 160 industry partners pooled their resources and worked together to turn the building into a state-of-the-art facility that opened in time for the 2009 school term. The building now includes a preconstruction lab, classrooms, lecture hall and technology center to house CSU's Department of Construction Management. This collaborative effort served as an example to students of how construction companies can work together to accomplish great things for our communities. Funded completely by donations, the \$5 million project will help CSU students get a jump-start on collaboration and teamwork.



CSU CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT BUILDING

2009 Special Community Service Project



Windsor Ball Fields

AGC members are among the first responders when disaster strikes. This has never been truer than when a devastating tornado made a direct hit on Windsor, Colo. in May of 2008, obliterating the baseball and softball facilities at Chimney Park. Fifty-year-old trees were snapped in half. Fences were mangled and bleachers, dugouts and scoreboards were gone faster than a one-two-three inning. True to form, AGC professionals stepped up to the plate to give back to the community by rebuilding the ball fields along with a concession stand, score booths, scoreboards, a maintenance shed and lighting. A total of 15 AGC companies came together to donate time, materials and expertise to bring the ball diamonds back into game shape – just in time for spring training. When it's time to play ball with the communities we serve, there's no better team than AGC of Colorado.



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