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Press Release

NH Contractors Receive Recognition For Outstanding Projects

The Associated General Contractors of New Hampshire (AGC of NH) presented four contractors with Build NH Awards during their annual Awards Banquet on June 9 at the Derryfield in Manchester, NH. The Build NH Awards recognize talent, commitment, and innovation in the commercial construction industry in four categories: Best Building Project, Best Environmental Building Project, Best Highway/Bridge Project, and Best Environmental Highway/Bridge Project.

Hutter Construction Corporation of New Ipswich, NH was awarded the Best Building Project for their renovation of the Monadnock Community Hospital in Peterborough, NH. Hutter Construction Corporation worked to transform the facility into one of the state's leading small hospitals. Upgrades were made to the critical services of the hospital by adding a new modular multi-unit emergency power plan with sequenced start-up and programmable load shedding, plant upgrades, and new water service network. The site was also completely reorganized, and includes all new campus style parking fields mixed with green space, a new perimeter road, sheltered drop-off access to every major entrance, and enhanced traffic flow for patient safety and use convenience. Through an approach that included a pre-construction risk assessment program, green initiatives, BIM concept modeling and the administration of an Owner/User/Builder "Core Communication Group" the completed project fulfilled expectations.

Harvey Construction Corporation, headquartered in Bedford, NH, won the Best Environmental Building Award for their construction of a new middle school for Laconia, NH. The Laconia Middle School now encompasses 118,000 square feet that includes classrooms, administrative spaces, a library/media center, cafeteria, as well as a gymnasium and multi-purpose room, and can hold up to 750 students. Achieving the environmental status came from the construction team's use of sustainable materials and improving energy efficiency of the school. The project was funded in part by Collaborative for High Performance Schools, which encourages school districts to build sustainable, high performance learning environments. A key

part of this program is the construction waste management plan. The waste management plan resulted in 97% of the project's waste being recycled. In addition to reusing, salvaging and recycling materials, the construction team utilized locally manufactured materials, which reduced fuel consumption and supported the local community.

Beck & Bellucci, Inc. earned the Best Highway/Bridge Award following completion of the Manchester Airport Access Road Bridge. The Franklin, NH based general contractor completed this bridge in 2010. The Manchester Airport Access Road Bridge spans over the Merrimack River, the Pan Am Railroad, and Route 3A, and is 1,210 feet long. In addition to the bridge construction, the project involved roadway improvements to Route 3A and construction of a landscaped wildlife corridor connecting the wetlands east of Route 3A to the Merrimack River. The project also had to contend with a number of environmental challenges. To protect the river from siltation caused by the drilling operations, steel casings were inserted into the river bed so that all drill cuttings could be captured and removed from the river. The project was completed at the time of the 70th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, and subsequently the bridge was named in memoriam of that day. Despite the numerous challenges faced during the project, it was completed on time and within budget.

The last award, the Best Environmental Highway/Bridge Award, was presented to Busby Construction Company of Atkinson, NH for the completion of repairs and reconstruction to the Weirs Beach Boardwalk. Repairs and reconstruction to the Weirs Beach Boardwalk were necessary following a catastrophic rain event in August of 2008. The heavy rains caused a breach and subsequent undermining of the area under the boardwalk and railroad bed. This resulted in slope damage and soil erosion. Working alongside Lake Winnepesaukee presented environmental factors as well. Construction of a modular block retaining wall was necessary to protect the existing beach and allow runoff from the roadway to be treated in a long grass treatment swale behind the wall before entering the lake. One of the most significant challenges of the project was the time constraint. The project needed to be complete on or before the start of the Weirs Beach summer season, traditionally Memorial Day Weekend (2009). Additionally, the project could not start until the close of the 2008 summer season and completion of railroad operations by the Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad. The contractor was able to work through a team approach to successfully complete the project in less than seven months.

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