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Fitzgerald Designer of the Year

Cambridge, MA – Marie E. Fitzgerald IIDA of Symmes Maini & McKee Associates (SMMA) was honored as Designer of the Year by the New England Chapter of CoreNet Global during the Chapter’s fifth Annual Dinner gala and award ceremonies held November 6 at the Seaport Hotel.

Fitzgerald, who joined SMMA in 1998, is vice president, director of interior design, and director of corporate, commercial development, tenant fit-up and interior design clients.

She is a member of the International Interior Design Association (IIDA), the International Facilities Management Association (IFMA) and the CoreNet Global New England Chapter.

TG Gallagher Named to Inc. 5000

Cambridge, MA – Thomas G. Gallagher, Inc. has been named to Inc. Magazine’s list of the 5000 Fastest Growing Private Companies in America.

Inc. 5000 companies are ranked by their growth percentages over the past three years. Thomas G. Gallagher grew 47.4% over that time.

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BRA Advances Four Projects

Mayor Thomas M. Menino announced that four projects totaling more than $75 million in private investment received approvals from the Boston Redevelopment Authority’s board of directors. The projects represent more than 300 construction jobs.

The board approved the first residential building within the proposed Seaport Square project on the South Boston Waterfront.

The project will include 34 residential units occupying 54,400sf of residential space in a six story building with ground-floor retail space. There will be a mix of approximately one-, two- and three-bedroom units.

Construction is anticipated to begin in the second quarter of 2009 with an estimated completion date in the fourth quarter of 2010. Total project cost is approximately $40 million. The project will create approximately 200 construction jobs.

Hacin & Associates is the architectural team for the Parcel A component.

The board also approved the 44 Burbank Street residential project, which will bring 45 new units of housing to Fenway. The developer, Catamount Westland LLC, will construct a 47,000sf building consisting of nine floors. The residential condominium units will range in size from loft-style dwellings to two-bedroom configurations.

Dolezal Architecture + Interior Design and Symmes Maini & McKee Associates are the co-architects; Colliers and Bovis Lend Lease are the construction managers.

Construction is anticipated to begin in the third quarter of 2009 with an estimated completion date in the first quarter of 2011. Total project cost is approximately $20 million. The project will create approximately 100 construction jobs.

The board also approved a revised proposal for a project located at 296 Cambridge Street in Beacon Hill. Taliani Realty, the developer, was approved to construct 16 one- and two-bedroom residential units with first floor retail space, and on October 16, 2008, the developer filed a Notice of Project Change that proposed a five-story office building with retail on the first floor.

The site is currently utilized by what is known as Grampy’s Gulf Station, a gas station and small convenience store, which will be demolished.

CBT is the architect. Total development cost is approximately $9.5 million. The project will create approximately 30 construction jobs.

The Board approved plans for a new LA/fitness Club in a West Roxbury shopping center located on the V.F.W. Parkway. The project includes the renovation of an existing vacant retail space into an approximately 48,900sf new fitness facility.

Total development cost for the project is estimated at $6 million. The developer anticipates completing the construction by late summer of 2009.

Robert Nicodemus of Bergmeyer is the project architect and permitting consultant.

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AIA Connecticut Elects New Board

AIA Connecticut announced the election of the 2009 board of directors and officers:

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Members include Anthony J. Amenta, AIA; Glenn M. Barnhard, AIA; Margaret J. Chambers, AIA; John T. Stevens, AIA and Daniel L. Weston, AIA.

Newly elected to the board are Richard T. Connell, AIA and Amanda V. Lamontagne, Associate AIA.

The board wishes to express sincere appreciation to Philippe Campus, AIA for his service and dedication to the AIA Connecticut Board of Directors. He will be retiring after serving two consecutive three-year terms.

GEI Tapped to Perform FEMA Studies

Glastonbury, CT - GEI Consultants, Inc., a national water resources, geotechnical and environmental engineering firm, has been selected by both the City of Hartford and the Town of East Hartford to perform Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) levee Accreditation engineering studies.

Both the Hartford and East Hartford Levees have been granted Provisionally Accredited Levee (PAL) status by FEMA. The PAL status has been granted to these levee systems because FEMA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers believe the systems provide flood protection against a design flood event with 1% annual chance of being exceeded. Under the PAL agreement, the municipalities must provide the required documentation to demonstrate that level of flood protection.

GEI Consultants has been selected to collect the necessary data, perform the evaluations and provide a comprehensive plan for achieving compliance with FEMA regulations.

Fischbach Completes $4M Project

Boston, MA – Fischbach & Moore Electric Group, LLC of Boston has completed the $4 million wireless project enabling cellular phone service in Boston’s Central Artery tunnel system. The cellular carriers involved include Verizon Wireless, Sprint/Nextel, T-Mobile, and AT&T.

The NECA contractors’ project scope included the installation of more than 13 miles (70,000 feet) of four runs of 72-strand fiber optic cabling with associated supports every five feet, and 12,000 feet of coaxial cabling with associated supports every four feet.

The project also included Fischbach & Moore’s installation of cellular carrier equipment within Vent Building 6 and in 43 utility rooms located in the Central Artery tunnels.

The Fischbach & Moore team installed all required fiber optic cable and coax cable support systems and all required antenna mounts and antennas.

The extensive fiber optic cable for the project originates in the CA/T communications room, within Vent Building 6 in South Boston, and runs through a section of the Ted Williams Tunnel. Cabling then extends through to the I-90 East and Westbound tunnel system and the I-93 North and Southbound Tunnel system. Cable installations also include all associated on- and off-ramp areas within the tunnel system.

This challenging nine-month project began in February 2008 and was completed on schedule by the end of October. Wireless cellular service in the Central Artery tunnels is now operational.

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North Branch Begins Alamo Fireworks
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Londonderry, NH - North Branch Construction has begun work on a new warehouse and retail store for Alamo Fireworks in Londonderry.

The project is a one-story, 7,874gsf warehouse/retail store. Construction includes structural steel, steel stud with gypsum interior and 3/4 inch exterior plywood with fiber cement clapboards on the building front and two inch composite panel on the rear of the building, with a flat white fully adhered rubber roof.

Site work includes demolition of four existing structures (three small office buildings and an existing garage). Udelsman Associates of Hollis provided the design for the new facility. Construction will be completed in early 2009.

Konover Lends A Helping Hand

Farmington, CT - Konover Construction Corporation built on its reputation for philanthropy and community outreach recently by providing volunteer work and financial support to the Gemma Moran United Way Labor Food Center in New London, Connecticut.

The nine senior managers worked at the Food Center, sorting canned goods and preparing the warehouse for a shopping spree being held for local food agencies.

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Weston, MA - The Town of Weston selected Prellwitz Chilinski Associates (PCA) to provide design services for the renovation and reuse of the historic Josiah Smith Tavern and Old Library in the town center.

Scheduled for a 2012 opening, the project will reconnect two historic, centrally located buildings with the day-to-day functions of the community and provide Weston with a casual dining restaurant. The selection of PCA is the latest step in a five-year planning process, during which the Town solicited input from the Weston community and evaluated new uses for the historic buildings.

The Tavern exterior has been renovated and a feasibility study has established the outline of the project. Approval for construction funding will be sought at Town Meeting in November of 2009.

Manchester, NH - Jewett Construction Company, Inc. has recently been awarded a contract to perform work on the HVAC Replacement System for the United States Postal Service in Manchester. The Architect/Engineer of record is Maguire Group, Inc. of Foxborough, MA.

Work will include the removal and replacement of HVAC and acoustical ceiling systems in the administrative and distribution areas of the Manchester Processing and Distribution Center. The administrative offices, which encompass more than 20,000sf of space, will remain operational during all phases of construction. Most of the work will take place during the Post Office’s off-hours, ensuring the safety and uninterrupted workday of the post office employees.

An integral part of the project will include the abatement of existing asbestos and lead-containing materials in conjunction with the removal of the existing HVAC and acoustical ceiling systems.
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Editor’s Note: Construction users, building owners, developers, facilities managers, all must keep an eye to the future when planning a construction project. When selecting the best team to build it, look into the past to see what has been designed, how it was built and what team can accomplish the job as planned, is an indispensable step.

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The Brookford Dalin Dean Street Homes Development project is a partnership of the City of Boston’s Department of Neighborhood Development, Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative, and the onsite construction management company, Pomroy Associates of South Easton.

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Landmark to Repair Hemenway Apts.
James Blauch of Eisenberg Haven Architect

Boston MA - Landmark Structures Corporation has been retained by SHP Acquisitions, LLC of Cumberland, Maine to provide exterior repairs and window replacements at Hemenway Apartments, in Boston.

The $1.1 million contract will cover masonry and roofing repairs in addition to window replacements to 24 units of the 183-unit elderly and family residential complex located in the Fenway/Kenmore area of Boston.

Architect for the project is James Blauch of Eisenberg Haven Associates in Boston.
Columbia Completes Olin Project

Needham, MA - Columbia Special Projects Division (SPD) recently served as the design-build construction manager at Olin College for the renovation of its music facilities. Allegro Interior Architecture served as the project architect.

Columbia SPD collaborated with Olin’s facility management team from design inception through project completion, managing the architect, engineers, and subcontractors. The expansion included energy-efficient pendant lights, a security key-fob pass system, tel/data, and power distribution for recording systems. Columbia also retrofitted surrounding walls with acoustical treatment to ensure minimal noise penetration.

A challenge to this project included the fact the space was near the Campus Center, which is the hub of student activity. Columbia SPD carefully phased all work and utilized various construction techniques to minimize disruption.

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Acella Completes Yawkey Dorm
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DPM Completes School

Newton, MA - Diversified Project Management, Inc. (DPM), a Newton-based construction management, facilities and move-planning firm, recently announced that it has completed The Pike School’s 21,500sf addition and 7,300sf renovation.

The Pike School is an independent, coeducational day school located on 34 Sunset Rock Road in Andover. Its comprehensive and sequential program provides education to students from pre-kindergarten through grade 9.

Diversified’s senior project manager, Tony Sievers, acted as the owner’s representative for the school’s 21,500sf out-of-the-ground construction and 7,300sf renovation to their Andover campus to enhance its visual and performing arts program.

Martini to Build College Ctr

Schenectady, NY - Union College has chosen A.J. Martini, a Massachusetts-based construction management firm with three offices on the East Coast, to build a new Science and Engineering Center in the heart of the school’s campus.

Construction of the 35,000sf building will begin in the spring of 2009. The project will be completed during the 2010 - 2011 academic year.

“The A.J. Martini team includes three Union College graduates,” said Peter Martini, CEO of A.J. Martini. “We are thrilled to be back at our alma mater and lend our expertise in university construction.”

Union College will seek a LEED Gold Rating from the U.S. Green Building Council, a national certification that recognizes projects that incorporate sustainable, green building practices.

Project Team Gets Special Thanks

Pro Con CM - Marinace Project Architect

Students presented the PCI team with a special “thank-you” award and wrote an original rap poem with choreographed steps.

The school expansion is part of a $5.1 million renovation and expansion project that began in June 2008. Frank P. Marinace of Hampton was the project architect and Pro Con Inc. of Manchester was the construction manager. The South School is located at 88 South Road and currently serves over 600 students in grades one through five.

The 14,442sf expansion project included the removal of eight portable classrooms, and construction of 11 permanent classrooms designed around an interior grass courtyard. The exterior of the new addition is red brick veneer with aluminum windows to match the existing school building. Site improvements included adding 60 additional parking places and construction of a new fire road around the school.

The renovation work on the 56,496sf South School included the relocation of the school’s main office, renovations to the nurse’s office, special education room and conference room, replacing 60% of the roof and making repairs to the balance, and upgrading the school’s sprinkler system.

New equipment was installed in the commercial kitchen and rubber flooring with inlaid sport lines was installed in the gymnasium.

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Surviving in a Difficult Economy

Try do some people and firms seem to thrive regardless of outside forces beyond their control? There are many reasons: unique skills, trust funds, good acting skills…but, in my opinion, as most of us do not possess these attributes, there is something deeper going on that enables, if not prosperity, at least reasonably comfortable survival until the next upswing occurs.

Recently, the Associated General Contractors of MA asked for comments on marketing and business development within the general contracting community. Specifically, they asked two questions:

1. What can young professionals do to help the marketing efforts in their firm?
2. What are the most common mistakes young professionals make when trying to participate in marketing efforts?

Really good questions…and completely tied to one’s personal and professional success, the firm’s success, and the value of networking consistently and strategically. The question of why some people understand the concept of truly successful network building, and others miss the mark, has been the subject of much discussion with anyone who’s had a martini in the last several years.

My answers to these questions reach far beyond the AGC, and the entire service provider community, to each and every professional person, young or seasoned, in the facilities-related fields or in any field.

The most successful efforts at assisting marketing and business development beyond successful delivery on promises, which I think of as a “minimum entry fee,” relate to commitment to consistently giving when one is not required to give. What I mean is, giving of one’s time to professional organizations, to consciously developing a network of peers and colleagues, and to investing time when there is no obvious or direct gain, is what really differentiates a person, and firms are made up of people.

Conversely, the most common mistakes come into play when one or more of the following conditions exist:

• One lacks the patience to look beyond the transactional to the long term
• One believes he or she does not have the time to give back or develop a network until there is a crisis that demands a look to outside resources.
• One fails to recognize that to get back, one has to give without expectation of a quid pro quo relationship

Relationships in business are like relationships in one’s personal life; seldom quid pro quo, seldom 50/50. Patience to continue to develop a relationship that appears to be, on the surface, not immediately revenue-generating, is a very difficult concept among those who do not understand and embrace the value of network-building and maintenance.

It’s their downfall. Successful marketing and network development require, above all, extreme patience, the patience to continue to reach out to quality individuals regardless of their position, recognizing that they could land anywhere, and that you never know who someone knows.

Let’s talk for a minute about time. Time is the most valuable commodity; we can never create more of it. Each of us has exactly the same amount of time as anyone who has achieved real greatness. It’s all in how you use it.

Time also has transactional meaning. Many people think that time today is not the same as time in 10 years. It absolutely is. If I choose to invest one extra hour a week in giving of myself to help my colleagues, it is a more strategic decision that acting selfishly today and spending a year looking for a job if I need one five years from now. Investing a year with no direction and no network “savings” is like assuming that one’s 401K will just magically be there when one retires, and being surprised, disappointed, and frustrated when it’s not.

Giving without expectation of direct profit takes maturity, humanity, and understanding of the other concepts discussed. But, one gives one’s expertise, time, advice, help, ultimately because it’s a good and right thing to do. Of course, I believe in karma; good things coming back to those who do good. Through the law of karma, the effects of all deeds actively create past, present, and future experiences, thus making one responsible for one’s own life.

Good marketing and good networking is smart and strategic. Be patient on the business results of all your good deeds and karma. Keep doing the things you instinctively know to be important, especially actions to advance a valued relationship. The patience to focus on good networking habits and smart marketing activities – combined with a timely dose of good karma – are the keys to thriving in both up and down markets.

Jewett Accepted as Aspiring Leader

Raymond, NH - Jewett Construction Co., Inc. announced its recent acceptance into the Aspiring Leaders program, part of the NH Department of Environmental Services’s Environmental Leadership Initiative.

As part of the program, Jewett has outlined three specific goals, which it will meet each year, and will strive to exceed over the next three years. These goals include:

• Increasing jobsite recycling, 90% for new construction and 50% for renovations;
• Decreasing office paper usage by 75% by converting to a paperless office; and
• Training all project managers as LEED Accredited Professionals.
Bristol, RI - Bond Brothers recently celebrated the topping off ceremony of Roger Williams University’s new residence hall. Faculty, staff, students, and members of the construction team, including Perkins+Will architects and Odeh Engineers, Inc., gathered to sign the ceremonial last beam and to witness it being lifted into place by the ironworkers.

Steve Cornwall, Roger Williams’s project manager, introduced Robert Collie of Bond Brothers who, spoke about the topping off ceremony as celebration “not only of the successful completion of the structure, but more significantly, marking the safe erection of the superstructure.” Collie congratulated Jay Steel, Daniel Kouy Construction, Inc, and Oldcastle for a job well done.

Collie introduced Dr. John J. King, Roger Williams vice president of student affairs, who spoke of the importance of the new residence hall providing a home for students for many decades to come. Joseph Pangborn, Roger Williams’s vice president and chief information officer added “The topping off of the new residence hall is an important milestone achieved through the collaborative effort of Bond Brothers, Perkins+Will, Roger Williams, Odeh Engineers, and Jay Steel.”

The four-story, 120,000sf residence facility will provide 350 beds in mixed suite and apartment style student residences plus RA apartments. The building will also feature retail/café space, site amenities, sports fields, study areas, and lounge space. The common areas will provide additional gathering spaces for the campus community. The new residence hall overlooks the Mount Hope Bay and features dazzling water views. This new residence hall project is on time and on budget, and slated for completion in summer ’09.
Erland Awarded CenterPoint Rehab
LaFreniere Architects

Waltham, MA – TC Saracen – a joint venture between Trammel Crow Co. and Saracen Properties LLC – has awarded Erland Construction of Burlington the rehab of 43 Foundry Avenue, a 187,000sf office building in Waltham.

The site is part of a larger, 500,000sf office park called CenterPoint that contains both office and lab space. After months of preconstruction planning, Erland, teaming with LaFreniere Architects of Cambridge, began this project in mid-October.

Improvements to the new building will include a new façade, all new HVAC units, new elevators, new toilet cores, and various architectural upgrades to make the building tenant-ready. The project also includes demolishing three existing buildings and attendant sitework to create a park-like corporate campus with new parking spaces, site lighting, and landscaping.

Jewett Partners With Energy Star

Raymond, NH - Jewett Construction Co., Inc. recently stepped up its efforts to promote energy efficiency by becoming an ENERGY STAR Service and Product Provider (SPP).

As a provider of energy-efficient services, Jewett is improving the energy performance of its clients through upgrades and implementing proven energy management strategies. Clients can strive to earn the ENERGY STAR label for their buildings and positively impact their operating expenses and shareholder value.

Construction on Marriott Progresses

Auburn, ME

Construction is progressing on the new 100-room Residence Inn by Marriott hotel located in Auburn. Pro Con Inc of Manchester, N.H. is the architect and construction manager for the $7.8 million design-build hotel, which is being developed by Auburncourt, LLC.

The four-story, 75,256sf hotel reflects a new generation of Residence Inn by Marriott with exterior stone veneer, gable windows and cathedral ceilings in the Gatehouse and pool areas.

“We are currently installing the sheet rock on all floors and will begin finishes by the end of the month,” stated the project superintendent for Pro Con Inc. “The pool has been installed and the mechanicals are underway throughout the hotel. Pro Con Inc began the project’s site work in March 2008 and has scheduled a March 2009 completion date.

The hotel, which is located six miles from I-95 and diagonally across from the Auburn Mall, will offer studios, one- and two-bedroom suites with complete kitchens and separate sleeping and living room areas. The Gatehouse will feature a large hearth room including a fireplace, breakfast buffet area, guest market, meeting room and study area. Plans call for a connected pool house with an indoor pool, spa, fitness room and guest laundry.
Bay State Building Specialties, Inc. (BSBSI), provides and installs a wide variety of quality building specialty items for the retail, commercial and institutional markets in New England.

Founded by Preston Maxwell and G.J. Healy in 1947 as Bay State Blackboard Company, Inc., the company originally specialized in the resurfacing of slate chalkboards. By 1960, however, slate was becoming obsolete as porcelain enamel steel emerged as the principle product used in the construction of chalkboards.

Reflecting the changing market, Bay State Blackboard changed its focus and began constructing and installing framed porcelain enamel steel chalkboards and tackboards.

Bay State Blackboard underwent a major change in 1973, when Sean Mahony joined the firm as sales manager and in 1974 purchased the firm from its founders.

Under the leadership of Sean Mahony, Bay State Blackboard expanded its operation over the next 30 years to include the sale and installation of a number of other building accessories, including projection screens, window treatments, acoustic wall panels, toilet partitions, lockers, wall protection, fire extinguishers and cabinets.

The steady growth of the company—from four employees in 1973 to more than 30 today—has required a commensurate increase in office and warehouse space. This has been accomplished by a series of moves, beginning in 1979, when it moved from its original 600sf home in Belmont to the South Shore. In 2007, BSBSI moved into its own 32,000sf building on Lundquist Drive in Braintree.

In 2003, the company underwent another major change. Noting that the name “Bay State Blackboard” did not encompass the expanded scope of business Bay State performed, the company changed its name to “Bay State Building Specialties, Inc.” to more fully describe the company’s expanded operation.

Gil Lentol joined the company in 1996 as a Project Manager. In 2002, he became President and General Manager and, in 2006, Gil became a partner in the company.

The change in corporate identity, however, is the only thing that has changed. The management and employees of BSBSI take pride in the history of their company and are dedicated to providing the highest quality product and workmanship for the next sixty years.
Above: Custom Sail Shades at the Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA.

MIT Classroom, Sliding Chalkboards, Projection Screen, Horizontal Blinds, Snaptex

Snaptex Stretched Fabric Acoustic Panel System on the coffers at the Boston Public Library.

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Yonkers, NY – Construction is continuing on schedule for a new Hampton Inn and Suites hotel, located at 160 Corporate Boulevard in Yonkers.

Pro Con Inc of Manchester, NH is the architect and construction manager for the new 150-room hotel and FSG Yonkers Hotel, LLC is the owner and developer. The hotel will be managed by Colwen Management of Nashua, N.H.

The exterior siding and windows are currently being installed, and the building will be weather-tight by the end of the month in anticipation of the winter weather.

Pro Con Inc began site work on the design build project in March 2008 and has scheduled a May 2009 completion date. In addition to the design and construction management services, Pro Con also provided pre-construction and structural engineering services for the developer.

The 87,566sf, four-story hotel will offer king and queen rooms, and 37 studio suites. The suites will have a sitting area with a pull-out sofa sleeper and a wet bar with a refrigerator and microwave. All the guest rooms will offer complimentary high-speed Internet access, and wireless Internet access will be available in the lobby.

The public areas of the hotel will include a full service bar, breakfast area for the hotel’s complimentary weekday breakfast, a “Suite Shop” selling snack and sundry items, an indoor pool and fitness room. The hotel will also have a flexible space conference room.

ADD Inc recently hosted Preservation Massachusetts’s Annual Fall Event at the architecture and design firm’s new headquarters in Fort Point Channel. The event celebrated the 15th Anniversary Retrospective of the Most Endangered Historic Resources between 1993 and 2008. Every November, Preservation Massachusetts hosts its fall event in a historic building that has been successfully rehabilitated. ADD Inc historically preserved and renovated its new headquarters at 311 Summer Street this year. The firm is pursuing LEED Gold certification by the U.S. Green Building Council and when certified, 311 Summer Street will be one of very few LEED Gold commercial interiors in Boston.

Dirubbo co-founded Acella Construction with his partner Robert Johnson in 2003. Johnson recently sold his shares to Dirubbo.

Acella Construction has completed a number of retail and interior construction projects for a variety of clients in recent months, including Bentley College, Northeastern University, North Attleboro Marketplace, Moe’s Southwest Grill and Not Your Average Joe’s. Recently, the firm was hired to build a 45,000sf gym for Gold’s Gym in Stoughton.
**Connecticut Design Awards**

Awards celebrating the accomplishments of Connecticut architects and the excellence of Connecticut architectural projects were recently announced. The Built Design Awards included Commercial, Institutional, Multi-Family Residential, and Interiors

- **Honor Awards went to:**
  - David Thompson Architects, New Haven - Public Bus Shelters, New Haven;
  - JCI Architecture, Hartford - Regional Center for the Arts, Trumbull; Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects, New Haven, two awards - Daniel L. Malone Engineering Center, Yale University, New Haven, and Overture Center for Arts, Madison, Wis.;
  - Pickard Chilton, Architects, New Haven - Wells Fargo Financial Building, Des Moines, Iowa; Point One Architects + Planners, Old Lyme - Integrated Day Charter School Gymnasium, Norwich;
  - The S/L/A/M Collaborative, Glastonbury - Hobby Barn Glass Canopies, Pound Ridge, N.Y.; and Newman Architects, Greenwich - Interstate Design Center, Greenwich; and Barkin Associates Architects, PC/JCI Architecture, Hartford - Recital Hall at Betsy Ross School, New Haven

- **Residential Design Honor Award went to:**
  - Halper Owens Architects LLC, Washington Depot - Mountain Road Residence, Kent; Joeb + Partners Architects, LLC, Greenwich - Central Park West Apartment, New York City; and Mark Markiewicz, AIA, New Canaan - Addition to a Modern House, New Canaan.

- **Unbuilt Honor Award went to:**
  - JCI Architecture, Hartford - Metamorphosis Restaurant-Conceptual Design; and PelliOverton LLC, New York City - Studies for Strip Mall, Stamford, Conn.

- **Architecture: Encompassing Art Honor Award went to:**
  - Beinfield Architects, Norwalk - Kinetic Energy Sculptures for Stepping Stones Museum for Children & the Norwalk Arts Council, Norwalk; Joeb + Partners Architects, LLC, Greenwich - Hobby Barn Glass Canopies, Pound Ridge, N.Y.; and Newman Architects, LLC, New Haven Pipe Organ Façade for West Side Presbyterian Church, Ridgewood, N.J.

- **Preservation Honor Awards went to:**
  - Halper Owens Architects LLC, Greenwich - Interstate Design Center, Greenwich; and Barkin Associates Architects, PC/JCI Architecture, Hartford - Recital Hall at Betsy Ross School, New Haven

**Boston Labor Council Honors Leaders**

Boston, MA – The Greater Boston Labor Council recently honored several leaders for their achievements supporting the labor movement. Frank Callahan, president of the Massachusetts Building Trades Council (MBTC), received the special award along with Somerville Alderman Dennis Sullivan and Boston City Council President Maureen Feeney.

Frank Callahan has been with the MBTC for 12 years and has been the president for over a year, advocating for better wages, training and safer working conditions for men and women in the construction industry.

**Top Places to Work in MA**

Boston, MA - Winners recently were named “Top Places to Work in Massachusetts” in the debut of an employee-based survey project from The Boston Globe.

Shawmut Design and Construction ranked fifth. “We’re honored to receive this recognition, and think it’s a wonderful tribute to the unique company culture that drives our team here at Shawmut,” said CEO Tom Goemaat. Suffolk Construction Company, Inc. was ranked sixth on the overall list, and was listed fourth on the list of companies ranked by level of achievement in advancing careers through training.

“We are extremely pleased to be ranked on this prestigious list. Being recognized as one of the top places to work in all of Massachusetts is tremendous accomplishment for our company,” said John F. Fish, CEO, Suffolk Construction Company, Inc. RDK Engineers was ranked 47 on the overall list. Chris Cummings, RDK’s CEO said “It’s a great honor to be recognized in the competitive Boston marketplace.”

**Recent / Current Projects**

- UMass Recreation Building, Amherst, MA - 1,100 tons
- 13 Walgreens Throughout New England Area - 390 tons
- Camp Fogarty, Greenwich, RI - 700 tons
- Mount Washington Hotel, Brenton Woods, NH - 327 tons
- Toyota Tufankjian, Braintree, MA - 639 tons
- Woonsocket Middle School, Woonsocket, RI - 1,000 tons
- Bourne Elementary School, Bourne, MA - 388 tons
- Hingham Shipyard, Hingham, MA - 460 tons
- 8 Shaws Throughout the New England Area - 720 tons
Historic Building Steps into the 21st Century
Exterior Designs in Final Phase of Retrofit

Worcester, MA - Exterior Designs, a Manchester, N.H.-based company that specializes in exterior cladding, is in the final phase of completing the total retrofit of the 250,000sf building that was the former home of Worcester-based shoe giant, Thom McCan. Though the building has undergone several renovations since it was built in the early 1900s, including a complete residing of the building with corrugated metal, the building was outdated and was in need of a major face-lift.

The property, located in the Worcester Business Center, was purchased by Franklin Realty Advisors in 2007. The Boston-based real estate development firm, and GC of the project, acquired the building with the intention of converting it to Class A office space.

The architect was Spagnolo Gisness & Associates, Inc. Mike Dion, president of Exterior Designs, remembers, “The client was originally interested in insulated metal panels for the exterior of the building. However, after researching their options, they opted for exterior insulation finishing systems (EIFS) for the project. The existing conditions of the corrugated metal panels and the concrete building structure created numerous inconsistencies and irregularities in many areas. Using EIFS not only provided the client with additional design options, it made the building's irregularities an easy challenge to overcome.”

Exterior Designs faced other challenges with the job: notwithstanding the sheer size of the building –600 ft long, 80 ft deep, and five stories high,– the numerous punched-in windows presented several obstacles. In addition, the building was partially occupied and would continue to be so during the entire project.

EDI Project Manager Steve Torla adds, “Franklin Realty enlisted our company to provide more than exterior services. We handled everything from the rough carpentry, to the removal and installation of the nearly 650 new windows, to constructing the drywall and ceilings.”

Charles Norton, president of Franklin Realty, said, “The new look of the building, coupled with the professionalism of the EDI team, has made this entire process painless and has exceeded all of our expectations.”

The building, one of the largest in the area, is now a state-of-the-art office building.

ING Picks Konover
Storrs, CT - Konover Residential Corporation has been awarded the property management contract for ING Australia’s off-campus housing portfolio located at the University of Connecticut in Storrs.

The property management contract includes 13 residential communities owned by ING Real Estate Community Living Fund, including Ashford Hills, Clubhouse, Hunting Lodge, Knollwood, Maplewood, Millbrook, Oakridge, Oakwood, Orchard Acres, Perry Hill Estates, Renwood, Ridgeview Heights and Willington Oaks.

“We currently manage 274 units of student housing for ING at Central Connecticut State University,” said Marie Mazzotta, president of Konover Residential Corporation. “Extending our management services to include their UConn portfolio is a nice fit.”

In addition to student housing at UConn and Central Connecticut, Konover also manages Hawkins Meadows near the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, Mass.
OR Previews New Tayco ‘Up’ Line

Office Resources (OR) recently hosted about 25 guests from the Boston A&D market in its Boston showroom to preview the award-winning Tayco “Up” product line. Comfort and aesthetics are key factors that allow the Tayco “Up” to remain versatile, functional, and attractive.

Guests were impressed by the product’s ability to seamlessly integrate storage in the workspace with a minimal footprint. The product’s support structure, frame, and support components are manufactured from entirely recycled materials as well as using plastic components sparingly.

Joining the event was the well-known Canadian designer of the Tayco product, Dakota Kasdorf, whose approach begins with the simple philosophy that furniture, by design, has a direct impact on people’s lives. It is both functional and decorative and should have significance beyond its physical presence.

With Tayco’s patented and award-winning “Up” post-and-beam system, Kasdorf created something that breaks with the utilitarian aesthetic that defines most of the current market. “Up” is beautiful from a distance, but also stands up to close contact and exploration. It achieves a working balance of comfort and visual appeal.

Also attending the event was Tim Graham, the Tayco National sales manager. “We were thrilled by the quality of the attendees,” said Graham, “There was tremendous and immediate response to the product.”

“We are pleased to be the exclusive dealer for the Tayco ‘Up’ product in the Boston marketplace,” commented Office Resources Principal Kevin Barbary. “The product offering is a refreshing change to the conventional cubic.”

OR Hosts Debut of Nucraft Products

More than 40 members of the Boston A&D community were part of a special cocktail reception recently hosted by OR, Nucraft, and McGlynn Associates. The reception was held to debut the first Boston installation of the Nucraft Tavola Conference Collection in conjunction with the award-winning Neos Casegood product (Neocon 2008 Gold Award).

Immediately following the viewing was an IIDA CEU accredited presentation featuring designer Mark Goetz. The lecture, called “The Art of Furniture Design,” described the history, process, and educational sharing of Goetz’s 20-year career as a furniture designer and professor.

Also in attendance was Bill Keller, vice president of sales and customer service at Nucraft. “Mark Goetz, who has a wealth of knowledge through his many years of industrial design work and teaching, provided an interesting view of how he and many of his Pratt University design students find inspiration for their designs,” said Keller.

In his 20-year design career, Goetz has been responsible for numerous collections of seating furniture pieces with a classically modern appeal.
J.M. Coull Completes Health Center
Maugel Architects
Lowell, MA - J.M. Coull has completed the first phase of renovations at the Lowell Community Health Center facility located on Warren Street in Lowell. The architect is Maugel Architects of Harvard, Mass.
Formerly comprised of exam rooms and offices that needed upgrading, renovations to the 5,000sf space on the second floor included the removal and replacement of nearly all of the interior finishes and MEP systems. The improvements involved the construction of 10 new exam rooms, a waiting room, doctors’ offices, restrooms and a staff lounge. This new space houses Lowell Community Health Center’s Family Medicine and Women’s Services practices.
A particularly sensitive portion of this project was the existing telephone and IT server rooms that needed to remain on this floor. It was imperative that existing mainframe computers for all of the Health Center’s facilities remain operational throughout the project. J.M. Coull performed construction activities, including reinforcement of the ceiling, walls and floor surrounding these rooms, without upsetting ongoing computer operations.

Columbia Completes Siemens Facility
East Walpole, MA - Columbia Construction recently completed a 115,000sf Diagnostic Reagent Facility Expansion for Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics, in East Walpole. The expansion was in response to the industry’s growing demand for Siemens’s diagnostic tests.
Seventy new jobs were created as a result of this expansion. Built three months ahead of schedule, the new facility was constructed in 19 months, with the warehouse being delivered in just 11 months.
Several green elements were integrated into this project such as the installation of light sensors throughout the building; energy-efficient roof design and insulation to conserve valuable resources; and the installation of high-efficiency motors for all facilities and process equipment to minimize energy needs and decrease use of fossil fuels.
The most complex green initiative was the implementation of a water recharge system (WRS). Water from rooftops of buildings 3 and 4, as well as the parking lot, is plumbed into the WRS, which provides a path for the water to travel off the site into Walpole’s storm sewer system.

Lee Kennedy Tops Off St. Luke’s
New Bedford, MA — Lee Kennedy Co. recently joined Southcoast Hospitals Group project team members, Mayor Scott Lang, and St. Luke’s Hospital neighbors to celebrate the topping off of the hospital’s new parking garage.
The topping off comes just six months after the team mobilized on-site following an extensive preconstruction process. Designed by MFPA Inc. and Newbury Design Associates Inc., the garage will provide parking for 341 vehicles when it opens in March 2009.
Located on the hospital campus, the 31,000sf garage will allow St. Luke’s to maintain a high level of accessibility and convenience for patients and visitors at one of the busiest community hospitals in Massachusetts.
Providence, RI - Shawmut Design and Construction completed a three-story, occupied vertical expansion to Rhode Island Hospital in Providence.

In conjunction with architects Hellmuth, Obata + Kassabaum, Inc., and Rhode Island Hospital’s Facility Design Team, the project is designed to improve the patient experience and allow the hospital to meet the future healthcare needs of the community by reinvesting in its infrastructure.

The project added three new floors of inpatient beds serving cardiac intensive care, telemetry and general medical/surgical patients, and included the construction of a 140-foot high, cast-in-place concrete shear tower with a connecting steel truss, glass-enclosed pedestrian bridge.

The 110-bed patient addition features a glass and masonry curtain wall.
Gloucester, MA - When the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) decided to relocate its Northeast Regional Office (NERO) of the National Marine Fisheries Services to a rocky site overlooking the Atlantic Ocean in Gloucester, the private development company handling the move contacted the Association of Builders and Contractors (ABC) for the names of local reputable construction management firms that could handle the challenging terrain, schedule and weather.

J.M. Coull was one of the firms recommended by the ABC due, in part, to its ability to specialize in tight scheduling programs as well as the firm’s extensive experience with industrial and laboratory building construction.

J.M. Coull, a full-service construction company based in Maynard, broke ground on this project in the summer of 2007 and delivered it for occupancy as scheduled in October of 2008.

Office suites, meeting and training rooms, and other office amenities such as reception and locker facilities are housed within the two connected structures totaling 97,000sf. Additionally, provisions have been made for canoe storage space, walk-in coolers and freezers, and laboratories serving non-sea salt sulfate (NSS) research and seafood inspections.

A four-story main building totaling 86,000sf and a smaller 11,000sf annex building will house office suites for Fishery Operations, including Statistics, the Habitat Conservation and Restoration Department and the Protected Resources Department. A fishery museum is housed within the reception area of the main building.

J.M. Coull Completes NOAA Facility

- U.S. Senator John Tierney; Acting Undersecretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and NOAA administrator, Dr. William Brennan; deputy regional administrator, NOAA, Chris Mantzaris; regional administrator, NOAA, Patricia Kurkul; Mass. State Representative Anthony Verga; Gloucester Mayor Carolyn Kirk; and Mass. State Senator Bruce Tarr.

Northeast Regional Office of the National Marine Fisheries. All photos by Blind Dog Photography.
Gloucester, MA - Abington-based Precast Specialties Corp. (PSC) provided 30,000sf of architectural precast panels for the Northeast Regional Office of the National Marine Fisheries in Gloucester, a division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

PSC provided an aesthetically pleasing solution to replace masonry-laid brick in the original SPEC. John D’Amelio, President of PSC, says, “We could provide the facility with a realistic way to complete the design within the constraints of weather conditions and a tight schedule.”

In 90-days, 439 precast panels were fabricated by PSC with inlaid architectural thin brick made by METROBRICK. American Steel and Precast Erectors was subcontracted by PSC to complete the in-field installation because of its excellence and reliability during over 10 years of working together with PSC. Installation took one month.

The proximity of Precast Specialties Corp. to the job site helped to minimize transportation costs and highlights the importance of incorporating local building materials into the planning and construction of facilities.

The fact that the fabrication and in-field installation of 30,000sf of precast panels could be completed in a New England winter while staying on budget and on schedule is a testament to the power of precast concrete as a building material suited to meet specific needs and also to the importance of choosing the right building materials from a local supplier.

PSC specializes in the manufacture of innovative precast including architectural precast panels, precast concrete roadway products and custom precast products for Mass., R.I., Vt, Conn., and N.H.

PSC Provides Innovation for NOAA Facility

Machado and Silvetti Associates
Awarded for Museum of Art

Brunswick, ME - The Bowdoin College Museum of Art renovation and expansion project in Brunswick is the recipient of multiple 2008 awards and honors. The project has received an Honor Award from the New England Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, an American Architecture Award from the Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design, an Award for Design from the Boston Society of Architects, a Maine Statewide Historic Preservation Honor Award from Maine Preservation, and was named a Building Division Winner in the 2008 Build Maine Awards.

The 33,500sf renovation and addition, designed by Machado and Silvetti Associates of Boston, and constructed by Consigli Construction Co., Inc., was completed in October of 2007. The project transformed the historically significant Walker Art Building, which was designed by Charles Follen McKim, of McKim, Mead and White and dedicated in 1894, into a state-of-the-art museum that addresses new program needs, necessary code and accessibility upgrades and incorporates security and climate control systems to meet current museum standards.

Precast Specialties NPCA Certified

Abington, MA - Precast Specialties Corp. (PSC) has been awarded status as a National Precast Concrete Association Certified Plant. The designation recognizes PSC as a precast concrete manufacturing plant operating at the highest standards of production and quality control.

PSC specializes in the manufacture of architectural precast panels, precast concrete roadway products and custom precast products.

BU Inducted into MBC Hall of Fame

Boston, MA - Walsh Brothers Incorporated, a Boston-based construction management firm, nominated Boston University for induction into the Massachusetts Building Congress Hall of Fame. On October 9, after a rigorous selection process, Boston University was selected as the winner and was formally inducted into the Second Annual Hall of Fame in front of 475 attendees.

This honor recognizes, celebrates, and publicizes the work of exemplary companies whose longstanding contributions have lasting impact on the industry, community, and the clients which they serve.

Other Boston area companies honored as inaugural inductees into the Hall of Fame included: S&F Concrete Contractors, Inc., Kenneth Himmel of the Related Companies, and Howard Elkus, FAIA of Elkus Manfredi Architects.

A four-generation managed, family-owned firm, Walsh Brothers, Inc was inducted into the MBC Hall of Fame last year for its contribution to the advancement of the construction industry along with its community involvement and philanthropy, project innovation, leadership and collaboration and environmental stewardship.

CoreNet Awards ARC Project

Cambridge, MA - ARC/Architectural Resources Cambridge announced that the ARC-designed Genzyme Science Center in Framingham has received the “Life Sciences Project of the Year” award from the New England Chapter of CoreNet Global, the world’s leading professional association for corporate real estate and workplace executives.

The Science Center, a 180,000sf facility at Genzyme Corporation’s campus in Framingham, also recently earned LEED Gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council and has become one of only 10 laboratories in the nation to achieve this high rating.

Bovis Lend Lease served as the general contractor for the project. The MEP engineer was Bard, Rao & Athanass Consulting Engineers Inc.
The Massachusetts Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors is the largest construction trade association in the Commonwealth, representing over 475 local general contractor, subcontractor, supplier and associate companies. ABC’s Massachusetts Chapter has spent the past 40 years fulfilling its founders’ mission of promoting and advancing the merit construction industry.

The annual awards were presented November 18, at a reception in conjunction with the Build Boston convention held at the Seaport World Trade Center.

Associated Builders & Contractors Awards

Cutler Associates, Inc. - University of Hartford New Residence Hall - Spirit & Merit award for commercial/institutional/industrial over $5M

Methuen Construction Company, Inc. - Somersworth Water Treatment Facility - Eagle award

Kaplan Corporation - Washington Mills Lofts - Merit award for historical restoration over $1M

F.W. Webb Project Wins ABC Award

Maynard, MA - J.M. Coull, a full-service construction company has been awarded a 2008 Excellence in Construction Award (EICIA) from the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) Massachusetts Chapter.

The project, the F.W. Webb Wholesale and Local Distribution facility in Bennington, VT won a Merit Award, the highest level given, in the Pre-engineered Building category of projects ranging between $2 and $10 million.

This 37,000sf project involved the new construction of a pre-engineering metal building to house 10,500sf of self-serve plumbing, heating, refrigeration and HVAC distribution center, showroom and office space. A 17,000sf high-bay warehouse spans the rear of the facility and features a 16,000sf mezzanine for large product storage.
The winners of the ABC Massachusetts Chapter's 2008 Excellence in Construction Awards are:

**J.M. Coull, Inc.**
F.W. Webb Wholesale and Local Distribution Facility
Pre-Engineered Building $2M - $10M
Merit

**Wayne J. Griffin Electric, Inc.**
Evergreen Solar: 75 MWpV Manufacturing, Devens, MA
Electrical-Commercial Industrial Over $1M
Eagle

**Bowdoin Construction Corp.**
The Village at Colony Place, Plymouth, MA
Commercial/Institutional/Industrial Over $5M
Merit

**C.E. Floyd Company, Inc.**
Latitude 43, Gloucester, MA
Commercial/Institutional/Industrial $1M - $5M
Eagle

**Cutler Associates, Inc.**
University of Hartford - New Residence Hall, West Hartford, CT
Commercial/Institutional/Industrial Over $5M
Spirit & Merit

**Tocci Building Corporation**
Aloft & Element Hotels Campus, Lexington, MA
Commercial/Institutional/Industrial Over $5M
Merit

**DECCO, Inc.**
PD Relocation/Suite 6 Project, Hopkinton, MA
Mechanical-Commercial/Industrial Over $1M
Merit

**Erland Construction, Inc.**
Library Addition for Newton Country Day School, Newton, MA
Commercial/Institutional/Industrial Over $5M
Eagle

**Erland Construction, Inc.**
Cadet Residence Hall Expansion and Renovation at Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Renovation
Eagle

**Interstate Electrical Services Corp.**
Genzyme CUP Building, Framingham, MA
Electrical-Commercial Industrial Over $1M
Eagle

**Kaplan Corporation**
Washington Mills Lofts, Lawrence, MA
Historical Restoration Over $1M
Merit

**L.D. Russo, Inc.**
The Blakeley Building, Lawrence, MA
Historical Restoration Over $1M
Merit

**Methuen Construction Company, Inc.**
Somersworth Water Treatment Facility, Somersworth, NH
Public Works
Eagle

**The RELCO Companies**
Dana Farber/Brigham & Women’s Cancer Center at Milford Regional Medical Center, M Electrical-Commercial Industrial Over $1M
Merit
Holliston, MA - With 1100 employees and growing, headquartered in Holliston and with regional offices in Duluth, Ga.; Raleigh, N.C.; and Pelham, Ala., Wayne J. Griffin Electric, Inc. serves clients throughout New England and the Southeast in markets ranging from commercial, educational and municipal to medical, industrial and high-tech.

In 1978, Wayne J. Griffin founded and incorporated the company with only five employees, wiring residential and small commercial/industrial projects. One year later, the company began electrical contracting work at the Coca-Cola Bottling Plant bottling and canning line installation in Needham, Mass., its first large industrial project. This began a trend for the company that would last through the present – pursuing larger projects within varying industries.

Saying thank-you to our team members...

An excerpt from Wayne J. Griffin's newsletter.

Being in this business for over 30 years, I have learned that one of the most important values a person can have is to acknowledge the contributions of his or her team members. We often forget that our team is not only our co-workers but also our industry partners—the general contractors, engineers, architects, suppliers, and vendors. Not only are these people part of our team but they are also a large part of our success.

Over the years, we have been able to form valuable and strategic partnerships with many of our partners and suppliers, making them vital team members on each of our projects.

When there is a problem, it should be addressed and resolved diplomatically—always remembering we are all members of the same team and we should treat others as we expect to be treated—with respect.

Remember, the next time you congratulate your team on a job well done, you should thank the people we often forget—the general contractor who gave us the opportunity, the architects who designed the project, and the suppliers and vendors who provided materials to us so that we could complete our role—they are contributors to our success.

Griffin Continues Work on High-Profile Schools Across the Region

The new $99 million, 350,000sf high school being built to replace the outdated, century-old high school in Quincy, Mass. is the largest municipal project in the city’s history. Construction is occurring in several phases, and the Griffin Electric team is currently working on Phase 2 of the project.

The New England Griffin Team is also working on one of the most innovative schools being built in Massachusetts history—Newton North High School. Construction on this $195 million, 405,000sf high school began in July of 2008 and is expected to continue into the fall of 2010. The new state-of-the-art school will replace the existing 35-year-old school. The high school will feature an outdoor stadium, indoor swimming pool, vocational education workshops, glass-enclosed cafeteria, restaurant and a unique zig-zag shape allowing access to natural light in every classroom.

The new school will consist of a temporary integration of the current high school with renovations and new construction, allowing for an expanded campus, including a new vocational teaching area, new gymnasium, library, media center, and computer labs.

In May 2008, the Alabama Griffin Team began electrical work on a new high school in Leeds, Ala. Scheduled to open in fall of 2009, this new high school will be approximately 130,000sf in size. This school is to replace the original high school built in the 50s. The original high school was demolished, and the new

Leeds High School rendering courtesy of: Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc.

Leeds’ Middle School is currently being constructed in its place.

Griffin Electric is also slated to perform the electrical construction on the middle school.
Wayne J. Griffin Electric Inc. Wins Three ABC’s Excellence Awards

Holliston, MA - The Wayne J. Griffin Electric, Inc. New England headquarters was honored with an Excellence in Construction Award from the Massachusetts chapter of the Associated Builders & Contractors (ABC) on November 18. For their work on Phase I of the Evergreen Solar Project in Devens, Mass., Griffin Electric was awarded the highest honor of an Eagle Award in the “Electrical Contracting under $2 million” category.

Griffin Electric’s senior project manager, Steve Magill, accepted the Award on behalf of the Wayne J. Griffin Electric, Inc. Evergreen Solar Team.

The Alabama representatives of Wayne J. Griffin Electric, Inc. recently received two awards from the Alabama Chapter of the ABC in the annual Excellence in Construction Award (EICA) Competition.

A first place Excellence Award in the “Electrical Contracting over $20 million category,” was accepted by Rufus Palmer, Alabama region manager, for the electrical contracting work performed on the Renaissance Hotel and Spa at the Convention Center in Montgomery, Ala.

In addition to the Excellence Award, a Merit Award was also accepted by the Alabama Team in the “Commercial Electrical Contracting under $2 million” category for their work on the Pinnacle Lighting of the Retirement Systems of Alabama’s Riverview Hotel in Mobile.

Work Continues on Hebrew SeniorLife’s NewBridge on the Charles

A Comprehensive Multi-Generational Community

Dedham, MA - Griffin Electric is currently working as the electrical installation work for Hebrew SeniorLife’s (HSL) NewBridge on the Charles community in Dedham. Construction is scheduled to be completed in fall of 2009.

When complete, the 988,000sf community will include many options for senior housing, including complete health center, apartments, villas, community center, supportive housing, and assisted-living.

NewBridge will also permanently host the Rashi School—a Jewish day school for grades K to 8 as well as an early childhood daycare center.

The Shapiro Center will include a theater, library, computer room, art studio, clubrooms, business center, post office, banking office, convenience store, residential dining areas, and restaurants.

A fitness and aquatic center will be constructed and will allow for a choice of rehabilitation activities for seniors.

The Griffin Electric team is responsible for all primary distribution to the facility, dimming and lighting.

Griffin Continues Work at Catalyst Residential Tower and Begins Work at Catalyst Parking Deck

Charlotte, NC - In 2007, Wayne J. Griffin Electric, Inc. began the design-build electrical construction on a substantial residential project in Charlotte—the new Catalyst Residential Tower. Scheduled to finish in 2009, this new housing tower will contain 27 stories of post-tension poured-in-place high-rise construction. This year, design-build electrical construction will also begin on the new Catalyst Parking Deck. The eight-story parking deck is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2008.

The new 500,000+sf residential complex will include 462 condominium units including a designer lobby area, elevated amenity deck with swimming pool, private clubroom, fitness center, media room, gaming area, and 20,000sf of street-level retail space.

The neighboring new 400,000sf parking complex will include eight levels of parking and 12,000sf of street-level retail space.

The Griffin Electric team is responsible for the design and installation of the complete electrical and fire alarm scope for both projects.
The latest collaboration between the world-class scientific institution and the world-class builder employed green design solutions by architects Oak Point Associates of Portsmouth, N.H. to make the Gosnold Laboratory more in harmony with its natural environment and a healthier place to work.

The project’s environmentally friendly features include the use of solar energy and other energy-saving measures. Ten 30-tube solar collectors power two rooftop air handling units supplying radiant heat and hot water in suitable weather.

The indirect natural lighting that fills the lobby, classroom and office spaces is reflected by white and light-colored interiors. To reduce energy costs, a switch located in the lobby can turn off the heating or cooling systems and open the clerestory windows. As air blows in through the windows and is heated by people and computers, it then moves through a transfer grill and is vented out the lobby windows.

It was also important to use recycled materials. The carpeting and ceiling tiles were made of 33% and 82% recycled material respectively, and the lobby’s reception desk was constructed with 100% resin-impregnated recycled newspaper.

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A bridge connects to the south-facing geotechnical wing addition, which does not require windows, sunlight or heat as it is used for cold storage. The low-slung wing nestles into the hill with a vegetated roof system that helps to insulate the space inside while minimizing water runoff and nurturing wildlife.

Whalen called the green elements in the building such as the modern solar collector systems and the use and manipulation of natural light and ventilation, to name a few, “a learning experience for most of us,” adding, “I'm sure the construction industry will see much more of this technology in the very near future.”

Recently completed construction and renovation project on the Gosnold Laboratory
The Precautionary Principle

By Jennifer Taranto

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If you are an owner, ask what can be done to be more sustainable. As an architect, can you incorporate sustainable design features into all projects even if your client hasn’t thought to specifically ask for them? If you are the general contractor or construction manager, sourcing materials locally and communicating sustainable alternatives to the client and the architect can increase the triple bottom line. A key component of building sustainably is in educating other members of the project team and creating an atmosphere of an integrated design process.

Recently the US Green Building Council (USGBC) added the precautionary principle to its set of guiding principles. The precautionary principle is similar to a doctor’s ethic of “do no harm” – if there can’t be formal scientific consensus on something that might be harmful then it is the responsibility of the decision-makers to act in the best interests of everyone with the facts available.

A great example of exercising the precautionary principle can be made with white roofs. White roofs have a higher solar reflective index (SRI) than black roofs, which combats urban heat island effect. Urban heat island occurs because components of the built environment contribute to increased energy consumption by every building, the precautionary principle guides us to use white roofs. The result is a Pareto optimum: a reduction in the energy consumption, and therefore the operating costs, of every surrounding building, at no additional cost.

The white roof example is simple because there is no aesthetic component to the decision, there is no additional cost, and there is no additional labor required. There are several aspects of a project that can be classified similarly when time and care are taken in the selection of materials. Components as simple as drywall and metal studs can be sourced locally and with high recycled content at no additional cost. If a client or architect doesn’t officially make the request, a member of a project team should feel empowered to make such a decision because it’s the right thing to do.

It is the responsibility of every member of a project team to invoke the triple bottom line and the precautionary principle. By employing the precautionary principle and communicating throughout the project, we can design and build better buildings for the way that we live and for the way that we want our children to live without compromising architectural vision, safety, or cost.

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The Geothermal Heat Pump Industry

by John Kelly, executive director
Geothermal Heat Pump Consortium

The new tax incentives for geothermal heat pumps are the culmination of an "all-out" federal legislative affairs effort unilaterally initiated by LSB Industries (Amex LUX) subsidiary, ClimateMaster, in April, 2007. Dan Ellis, president, with the support of a coalition of top-tier legislative consultants, embarked on a mission to educate Congress on the benefits of geothermal heat pumps and the role they could play in meeting our nation's energy-efficiency and climate change goals. Ultimately, there were direct meetings with 34 members of Congress, including Majority Leader Reid, and with hundreds of staff members and other government and administration employees. This effort received vital support from:

- Alliance to Save Energy
- American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy
- International Ground Source Heat Pump Association
- Geothermal Heat Pump Consortium
- Geothermal National & International Initiative Inc.
- National Ground Water Association
- Geothermal Energy Association
- National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
- U.S. Department of Agriculture

The specific provisions of the bill that directly or indirectly support geothermal heat pumps are:

Long-term Extension of Energy Credit. The bill extends the 30% investment tax credit for solar energy property and qualified fuel cell property, as well as the 10% investment tax credit for microturbines. The bill increases the $500 per half kilowatt of capacity cap for qualified fuel cells to $1,500 per half kilowatt of capacity, and adds small commercial wind as a category of qualified investment. The bill also provides a new 10% investment tax credit for combined heat and power systems and geothermal heat pumps. The bill extends these credits through 2016 and allows them to be used to offset the alternative minimum tax (AMT). By including geothermal heat pumps within the definition of "energy property" in the Energy Credit language, geothermal heat pump systems placed in service after October 3, 2008 will now also be subject to a five-year depreciation period.

Extension of Energy-Efficient Buildings Deduction. Current law allows taxpayers to deduct the cost of energy-efficient property installed in commercial buildings. The amount deductible is up to $1.80 per square foot of building floor area for buildings achieving a 50% energy savings target. The energy savings must be accomplished through energy and power cost reductions for the building's heating, cooling, ventilation, hot water, and interior lighting systems. The bill extends the energy efficient commercial buildings deduction for five years, through December 31, 2013.

Extension of Credit for Energy Efficiency Improvements to New Homes. Under current law, contractors receive a credit for the construction of energy-efficient new homes that achieve a 30% or 50% reduction in heating and cooling energy consumption relative to a comparable dwelling. The credit equals $1,000 for homes meeting a 30% efficiency standard, $2,000 for homes meeting a 50% standard. The bill extends the new energy efficient home tax credit through 2009.

This information has been provided by: Geoexchange.org. The Geothermal Heat Pump Consortium, and reprinted from heatpump.com.

USGBC Members Approve LEED 2009

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) announced at its Greenbuild conference in Boston in November 2008 that LEED 2009, a revision of the LEED Rating System first made available for comment in May 2008, has been approved by its 18,000 member organizations.

The revision is intended to create greater consistency among the several LEED rating systems, reflect a more scientifically grounded weighting of credits—including a stronger focus on energy and climate issues—and accommodate new developments in building technology as well as regional variations (see EBN Vol. 17, No. 6). All LEED rating systems now contain 100 points.

USGBC will update LEED 2009 regularly to keep the system up to date with technological and market developments, much like code organizations do with building codes. USGBC has not yet announced when registration under LEED 2009 will begin, but it will likely coincide with the launch of a revamped LEED Online tool, expected in Spring 2009.

For more information www.usgbc.org/leed2009/

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The Green Roundtable Calendar

Events for December

The following is an abbreviated list of events for the month of December offered through the Green Roundtable. For full details on any listing, visit: http://www.nexusboston.com/space/events.html/2008/9.

12/10/2008 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
- The Green Roundtable–December Roundtable: Greenbuild & Build Boston in Review
  Location: NEXUS, 38 Chauncy St., 7th Floor, Boston, MA 02111
  Cost: Free and open to the public
  Program Level: 2
  Who Should Come: Everyone interested or involved in the operations and maintenance of commercial and institutional buildings, especially building management staff, building operations staff, building owners and real estate management personnel.

2/13/2008 10:00 am -
- GRT–NEXUS Second Saturdays: Creating Healthy & Sustainable Indoor Environments
  Location: NEXUS, 38 Chauncy St., 7th Floor, Boston, MA 02111
  Cost: Free and open to the public
  Who Should Come: Everyone, including homeowners, renters, and residential building professionals.

LEED for Neighborhood Development

Boston, MA - The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) announced the opening of the first public comment period for its LEED for Neighborhood Development rating system. The program is the first national certification system for green neighborhood design and development.

LEED for Neighborhood Development is a collaboration between the USGBC, the Congress for the New Urbanism, and the Natural Resources Defense Council and integrates the principles of smart growth, new urbanism, and green building.

USGBC began pilot testing LEED for Neighborhood Development in early 2007, and accepted nearly 240 pilot projects into the program, representing 39 states and six countries. The rating system will evaluate projects on criteria related to smart location and linkage to the community at large; neighborhood pattern and design; and green construction and technology.

New Architectural Suites from IES

Boston - Integrated Environmental Solutions (IES) released two new suites of integrated sustainable analysis tools – the Architectural Suite and the Architectural Suite Plus which provide architects with early-stage environmental design assistance in a variety of categories, including energy consumption, carbon emissions, LEED Daylighting, solar shading and artificial lighting.

Utilizing these suites, architects can quickly and easily incorporate environmental performance analysis into their design workflow without rebuilding geometry. Multiple design iterations can rapidly be assessed to help maximize the environmental performance of the final design.

IES will be demonstrating both Architectural suites at its booth, #1447 at Greenbuild International Conference and Expo in Boston next week, along with seminars from IES executives and partners.

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Essex Builders Completes Church Designed by Johnson Olney

Needham, MA - Essex Builders Corp recently completed construction of a $2.2 million renovation to First Parish Church of Needham. Design and construction focused on utilizing high-efficiency products and features to ensure a sustainable design, while guaranteeing long-term cost effectiveness.

The project, designed by Johnson Olney Associates, Inc. of Boston, included 2,500sf of renovations to the chapel, additional space for the existing daycare and a new 12,500sf Parish hall, which boasts energy-efficient double-pane windows.

Additionally, the Parish included such conservation features as: programmable and dimmable high-efficiency light fixtures, programmable thermostats, dual flush toilets, maple flooring as well as recycled flooring in the kitchen area. Insulation was blown into the existing walls of the Parish to aid in the reduction of heating costs.

Consigli Restores Irish Heritage Ctr

Portland, ME - Consigli Construction Co., Inc.'s Portland operations have completed multiple renovations and repairs to the Maine Irish Heritage Center's headquarters on Gray Street in Portland, marking the official re-opening of the Center since damages caused by flooding and the collapse of the tower's bell forced the closure of the building.

The 1893 building was once used by Maine’s Irish immigrants as the home of one of the largest Irish Catholic congregations in New England. In 2006, the tower's bell frame broke through the belfry floor and collapsed through two floors of the tower. The Maine Irish Heritage Center was forced to close the facility and cancel its events, leading to a significant effort on the part of its volunteers to raise funds and awareness to the Center’s importance in the community.

Consigli oversaw renovations that returned the bell to its belfry among numerous other improvements. In the belfry, structural steel beams were installed along the tower walls, with additional support beams reinforcing the corners. The rooms and floors ripped apart by the bell's collapse were also repaired and refurnished, as was the lower-level meeting area, giving the Heritage Center new space to use for offices.

Consigli also performed work on the building's exterior, including slate repairs and masonry stabilization and rebuilding, which was completed under a grant from the Office of Housing and Community Development in Portland. The self-perform craftworkers at Consigli oversaw all rough carpentry, including framing of walls and ceilings, as well as construction of the handicap ramp, drywall salvaging and hanging, and refinishing and reinstalling of finish woodwork.

CES Raises $10 K for Operation Fuel

Middletown, CT - Consulting Engineering Services presented a $10,000 donation to Operation Fuel, which has partnered with communities, businesses, government and individuals since 1977 to ensure that Connecticut citizens in need have access to year-round energy assistance.

CES raised $10,000 at its annual charity golf tournament held at Tunxis Plantation Golf Course in Farmington, and President George Keithan presented the check to Operation Fuel Director Pat Wrice.

Walden Media Office Completed Designed by Margulies Perruzzi

Burlington, MA - Margulies Perruzzi Architects (formerly Margulies & Associates) has completed the design of a 5,000sf office in Burlington for Walden Media, the film studio behind “The Chronicles of Narnia” and “Journey to the Center of the Earth.”

Relocating from downtown Boston, Walden Media wanted an open and collaborative working environment that reflected and supported the dynamic and imaginative nature of the movie industry. Margulies Perruzzi Architects redesigned the space to include offices and open areas for workstations, a staff lounge, a screening room, a videoconferencing room to communicate with the firm’s office in Los Angeles, and a “think room” with casual furniture and white boards for creative brainstorming.

Walden Media moved into its new office space in September.

Gary K. Rubin & Associates was the contractor, and RDK Engineers provided mechanical, electrical and plumbing engineering. Environments at Work provided the furniture and Adtech worked on the audiovisual system design.
Bus Terminal Completed

North Branch CM

Londonderry, NH - North Branch Construction, Inc. of Concord has completed construction of the $7 million bus terminal, with associated maintenance and storage buildings and expanded parking lots in Londonderry.

The buildings, owned by the State of N.H., Bureau of Public Works and Department of Administrative Services, are located on adjacent sites at Exit 5 of Route 93, and comprise of a total of 33,149sf.

The terminal building was constructed with a structural steel frame and masonry bearing walls, brick veneer exterior, asphalt shingle roof and radiant floor heat. The maintenance and storage buildings have structural steel frames, metal siding and membrane roofs.

Construction also included a 12,000 gallon underground fuel storage tank and fuel dispensing equipment and porous pavement parking lots. Tennant/Wallace Architects, AIA PA provided the design for the project.

Lee Kennedy Completes Addition

Darlow Christ Local Architects

Cambridge, MA – Lee Kennedy Co. recently completed a $2.2 million vertical addition for Swissnex Boston, Consulate of Switzerland, atop the organization’s existing collaborative space in Cambridge. The contractor worked in a design build capacity with Swiss design firm Convergeo and local architect Darlow Christ Architects on the project.

The contemporary design features few right angles, creating an “engineering puzzle” that required a carefully installed radius steel frame and features a segmented, curved glass curtainwall façade.

A green roof surrounds the new addition, lowering energy costs and reducing the building’s carbon footprint. Cork flooring was also installed throughout the new space, further adding to the environmentally-friendly design.

Despite the complex challenges posed by the logistics of a vertical addition on a tight urban site, Lee Kennedy Co.’s team completed construction in just over seven months, closely coordinating with abutters and the City of Cambridge throughout the course of work.

Hobbs Brook Renovates Office

ADD Inc Architects, A.J. Martini CM

Waltham, MA - Hobbs Brook Management LLC has completely renovated an 85,000sf office building at 590 Lincoln Street with the intention of leasing the space to an anchor tenant.

Astra Tech, a medical device company has leased the entire building. ADD Inc of Boston provided architectural and interior design services for the building rehabilitation and A.J. Martini of Winchester served as the construction manager.

The design improvements include an entirely new exterior envelope, common areas and landscaping, resulting in a fully contemporary Class A office building.

The industrial shell of the existing building was demolished down to its basic column, beam and slab structure and then completely reconstructed. Demolition performed by A.J. Martini included removing the roof system, façade and mechanical systems. Construction improvements include seismic, structural, ADA and shell and core upgrades, a new curtain wall and metal panel system, a new roof structure, elevators, new lobbies and all new mechanical systems.

Jones Lang LaSalle Completes Project

Hartford, CT - Jones Lang LaSalle has completed a 24,000sf tenant improvement project for McCarter & English, LLP at 185 Asylum Street in Hartford.

Construction at McCarter & English featured new offices, as well as an upgrade of the conference center, internal stairwell, and pantry areas. The new conference center includes: custom quarter sawn maple millwork, new stone flooring, folding partitions, new lighting, pantries and a cappuccino bar.

The project was completed over 24 weeks in three phases during normal business operations.

Panasonic R&D Project Completed

Integrated Builders CM

Newton, MA - Integrated Builders, a construction management, design-build and general contracting firm, has completed a 10,000sf interior office and R&D fit-up project for Panasonic in Newton.

The project included demolition, miscellaneous metals, millwork, roofing, skylights, glass & glazing, drywall, acoustical ceiling tile, flooring, painting, specialties, fire protection, plumbing, HVAC and electrical.

Architect for the project was Harrison Mulhern of Winchester. ADA Engineers of Stoneham served as project engineer.
Bond Brothers New Hires

Everett, MA - Bond Brothers construction management firm announced the following new hires:

Marc Pelletier has joined Bond Brothers as Director of Client Services. His 40 years in the AEC industry will lend a seasoned approach to evaluating the needs of Bond Brothers’ clients, and ensuring that services satisfy needs in terms of client relationship management.

Kevin Aylwin has joined Bond’s Select Projects Group as senior project manager. He has nearly 20 years experience successfully overseeing projects for corporate, academic, financial, and healthcare clients. He has worked extensively on institutional project work with the fast track summer schedules as well as major tenant renovations in occupied buildings co-ordinating around other tenants and active buildings.

Marissa Noe has joined Bond’s Civil & Utility Division.

Three Join Rist-Frost-Shumway

Converse Joins Consigli

Portland, ME - Consigli Construction Co., Inc.’s Portland operations announced that Derek Converse has joined the team as a project manager. Converse has spent the last six years with Wright-Ryan Construction in Portland as a project manager. He has also held positions with firms from the Midwest, and has overseen complex new construction and renovation projects, ranging from building expansive new facilities to occupied renovation projects.

As a project manager, Converse will be responsible for managing projects from preconstruction to building turnover, and guide superintendents, subcontractors and other team members through the duration of construction. He will also interface with the client and project partners on a regular basis to foster a high-level of interaction between all members of the project team.

Lavallee Brensinger Hires Five

Manchester, NH - Lavallee Brensinger Architects, Inc. announced the recent addition of five new professionals to its 50-person firm.

Casey Gerken, AIA joins the firm’s Education Design Group, as a senior planner and designer of higher education and K-12 facilities. Her expertise includes academic buildings and student residence halls.

Steven Miller, AIA brings extensive experience in higher education, K-12 schools, corporate office, and elder care facilities. He is currently working on a new Simulation and Training Center at Concord Hospital and a dining facility renovation and addition for Kendal at Hanover.

Dan Adams applies his knowledge of commercial and community-related projects. He is currently working on the Manchester Boys & Girls Club Expansion, the Easter Seals office renovation in Dover, and the CASA office renovation.

Lisa Gallant is an expert in 3-D drawing tools. Her recent project work includes the Speare Memorial Hospital Medical Office Building, St. Anselm College’s new Residence Hall, and renovation of the Hillsborough County North Superior Courthouse.

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Cris Salomon brings a focus and strength in technical design development, and is currently working on the new FPL Energy office building in Seabrook and a surgery renovation project at Southwestern Vermont Medical Center.

Dan Pierce, AIA, Promoted

Boston, MA - Daniel H. Pierce, AIA, has been promoted to principal of Steffian Bradley Architects. Pierce has been instrumental in refining the quality control process within the office and will now serve as the quality leader responsible for applying the requirements of the firm’s quality control/quality assurance standards. He will strengthen the QC/QA review process, and continue to provide training and mentoring, reinforcing the culture of excellence at all levels within the firm.

Pierce brings more than 30 years of diversified experience within a wide range of building types for academic, healthcare, corporate/commercial, retail, hospitality, civic, museum and residential projects. He will continue to manage projects as principal in charge.

WB Engineers Appoints Schleppy

Boston, MA - WB Engineers | Consultants has appointed Paul Schleppy to the position of business solutions manager.

Schleppy, who most recently served as director of business technical solutions at WSP Flack + Kurtz, has more than 20 years of experience in the technology field, including application development, help desk management, networking and infrastructure design and project management.

In his new role, Schleppy will handle two important functions at WB Engineers. He will head the firm’s BIM (building information modeling) operations, in addition to managing its internal technology needs.
Mejia, Yoder, Cheung

Sored research, sound quality consultation, and vibration consultation. His areas of concentration include vibration control, product noise shaping, and novel acoustic research. Acentech promoted Denise Cheung to Consultant II; Jason Martinez and Corey Salvatore to Senior Consultant I, and David Bateman, Jr. to Senior Consultant II. All four have demonstrated expertise in systems design and an outstanding focus on client service for a variety of educational and commercial projects. In addition, Brian L. Maselli, CTS, a Senior Consultant I at Acentech concentrat- ing on audiovisual and sound systems design, has been selected to serve as Chairperson for the Greater Boston Chapter of the Acoustical Society of America. As chairperson, he is responsible for yearly planning, membership, contacting guest speakers, and communica- tions with the Acoustical Society of America.

Bill Yoder joins Acentech as a Consultant II in the R.H. Lyon Division of the Noise and Vibration group, led by Jeffrey Zaple. As an engineer, he works on various projects including government sponsored research, sound quality consultation, and environmental noise, and acoustical measurement for clients such as Dartmouth College, Fordham University, and Suffolk University. Her professional experience includes work for the University of Nebraska and SIA Acoustics.

Blazon

Concord, NH - North Branch Construction, Inc. announced that Bruce Blazon of Concord has achieved the certification of LEED Accredited Professional by the U.S. Green Building Council.

Sinnott

Providence, RI - John D. Sinnott recently joined Gilbane Building Company’s Rhode Island District as district manager. In this role, Sinnott will be responsible for overseeing excellence in execution of all facets of Gilbane’s Rhode Island operations.

Sinnott will work closely with construction operations, business development, and finance.

Sinnott re-joins Gilbane, where he began his construction career in 1980. He later elected to pursue personal interests through a two-year volunteer position in Haiti, where he used his construction knowledge to help build much needed health care and infrastructure related projects.

Following his return to the U.S., he owned and operated a construction company in R.I. for nearly 10 years. Most recently, Sinnott held positions with construction and development firms Struver Bros. Eccles & Roue, Inc. and Starwood Wasserman.

Group One Appoints Le Clair

Boston, MA - Group One Partners announced the appointment of Drew Le Clair as a new associate at the firm. Prior to joining Group One, Le Clair was a senior designer/manager at DiLeonardo International in Warwick, R.I., where he was involved in every phase of projects from schematic design to construction administration. Le Clair brings 20 years of hospitality, corporate and residential design to Group One, with an emphasis on the international market. He has worked closely with numerous hospitality brands, both domestically and abroad.

Columbia Staff Leed Accredited

North Reading, MA - Columbia Construction announced two of its staff recently passed the exam to become LEED Accredited Professionals. Dave Stodden, LEED AP has worked at Columbia for seven years. He is currently working on a 335,000sf new corporate campus for Hobbs Brook Management LLC, in Waltham. The project team is not only pursuing a LEED Gold rating, but they are also using BIM software, Revit and NavisWorks, for the design and construction of the building.

Mike Davidson, LEED AP has worked at Columbia for five years. Mike is an integral team member for the new 90,000sf Martha’s Vineyard Replacement Hospital. Pursuing a LEED Silver rating, this project also includes a significant renewable energy program, which entails the installation of a 45-kilowatt solar panel roof system, as well as the purchase of wind turbine power.

CSI Team Announcements

Ricardo Mejia has joined CSI’s Southeast Division in Pompano Beach, Florida as projects manager and safety officer. His architectural and general contracting experience includes project management, estimating/bidding, and all aspects of operational and project coordination.

Daniel Francis has joined CSI’s Northeast Division as purchasing agent, based in the company’s Boston-area office. His experience includes construction purchasing and management for several industries. Francis’s professional background includes projects with Home Depot, Ikea and Stop and Shop.

Molina Joins Vanderweil

Boston, MA - Andres J. Molina, P.E., a registered professional engineer with more than 25 years of experience in electrical power transmission, generation, and renewable energy resource projects, has joined Vanderweil Engineers as manager of substation engineering within the Transmission & Distribution (T&D) Specialty Group.

Molina will lead the firm’s substation engineering and construction services for projects throughout the U.S. and overseas.

Molina has worked extensively on T&D projects in New England, most recently with the Massachusetts offices of Energy Initiatives Group LLC and National Grid.
SMPS Events

Thursday Janu. 8, -9p.m.
Join SMPS members and friends for the annual holiday party, featuring raffle items, good cheer, and a few surprises. This year's event has a downtown flavor, served up by Umbria on their 3rd floor Ultra Lounge. Celebrate Solstice, Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanzaa, and New Year's by flooding this winter night with light. Bring a coat or jacket to donate to charity and receive a free raffle ticket - your chance to win great prizes.
Wednesday Jan. 28 5:30p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
SMPS Boston created the Monthly Live @ Five:30 Series for chapter members for a relaxing evening. Share ideas and talk shop. Join us at Rowes Wharf Bar inside the Boston Harbor Hotel for this cash bar event. Our sponsor, Bowdoin Construction, will treat attendees to some appetizers.
For more information: www.smspboston.org/program/calendar.php

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For more information: Contact Jim Abbott at Jim@abcma.org.

EBC Summit
Third Annual Environmental Business Council Construction and Demolition Debris Regional Summit and Vendor Fair
Friday, Jan. 16, 2009 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Doubletree Hotel, Westborough, MA
Developing the Markets: Business Opportunities and Barriers
For more information: www.agc-mass.org/calendar.cfm

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BSA/SCUP
College and University Roundtable
Jan 15 2009 7:30a.m. - 10a.m.
The Architects Building, Boston
The Roundtable is a collaboration of the BSA and the Society of College & University Planners (SCUP)
More information: www.architects.org

Mark Your Calendar
SFNE Joint Meeting with MSCI-Metals Service Center Institute
Guest speaker Jeffrey C. Fuhrer, executive vice president and director of Research Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.
wwwssfne.org/calendar.htm

The Green Scene
New Challenges / New Materials & Products / New Projects (Rescheduled from October 2008)
Hawthorne Inn – Berlin, Conn.
For more information: www.cbc-ct.org.

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