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Press Release

Associated General Contractors of NH's Build NH Awards Recognizes Difficult and Innovative Projects

On May 21 at Fratello's Ristorante Italiano in Manchester, NH, the Associated General Contractors of NH hosted their semiannual Build NH Awards Banquet. The Build NH Awards recognize companies and individuals within the construction industry who have achieved excellence in their field. This year, three awards were presented, Best Building Project, Best Environmental Building Project, and Best Environmental Highway/Bridge Project. This year marked the first time AGC of NH presented awards for environmental achievements in the construction industry.

In the Best Building Category, Harvey Construction won for their renovation of the Currier Museum of Art. The Museum is listed on the National Register of Historical Places and it's Board of Trustees wanted the renovation to become part of the collection. The team kept this in mind as they worked to complete the project.

Construction started in July of 2006, and finished in the winter of 2007 safely, on time, and within the budget. The new construction created more space for exhibits, programs and guests in a fully landscaped setting. The project added additional art galleries, two new classrooms, and a 180 seat auditorium, which will help the museum in its educational endeavors. The construction also included a glass enclosed North entrance with an expanded museum shop.

In the Best Environmental Building Category, Gilbane Building Company helped the Concord Hospital become the first hospital in the state to achieve LEED certification through the additions to the East and North Wings. The project focused on sustainability, incorporating this concept throughout the building's design and construction. Using regional materials, materials that were within a 500 mile radius of Concord, promoted the sustainability theme.

Natural lighting was another key component of this green project, with the integration of large windows and curtain-wall openings. Additionally, the construction team installed a "green roof," a garden roof system that has positive healing effects for the hospital's patients. Gilbane Building Company also focused on making the exterior of the hospital greener through carpool parking spaces. Lastly, low volatile organic compound emitting materials for indoor air quality and low energy bulbs were installed.

In the Best Environmental Highway/Bridge Category, Redimix Company transformed the parking lot of one of the nation's oldest state parks into a self draining lot. Concord's White Park's new parking lot utilized state of the art technology to manage run off. Redimix's use of RediDrain, a pervious concrete application, allowed rain and runoff water to enter the natural aquifer, eliminating the need to install a conventional drainage system.

Without installing a conventional drainage system, the team was able to avoid expensive management such as catch basins and detention ponds. In place of traditional methods, a sub-base combination of stone, gravel, and sand was installed under the concrete. These all natural, green materials provide a place to store storm water and provide filtering mediums to clean the water.

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Please see the attachments for photos, and the individual stories.

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