AWCI’s Expo: Construction Directions Is a Success!
The Association of the Wall and Ceiling Industries International’s annual convention and trade show at the Paris Las Vegas Hotel in April drew a crowd of more than 3,200 attendees (last year’s New Orleans show saw about 2,400 attendees). AWCI’s Expo: Construction Directions in Las Vegas also featured 190 exhibiting companies showing their products, tools and services.

Detailed information about the AWCI convention, trade show and award winners is published in the pages that follow. Then, on page 62, we honor the achievements bestowed by other industry organizations.
Leonard Liddle, president of Liddle Bros. Contractors, Inc. in Nashville, Tenn., won the 2004 Pinnacle Award, AWCI’s highest honor.

Liddle’s company has been a member of AWCI since 1949 and is currently an AWCI Lifetime Member.

A further at AWCI’s convention for decades, Liddle served as a member of AWCI’s board of directors for three years, until his term expired in June 1980. Liddle also has participated on a number of committees, including technical, education and membership committees. He has served as secretary, vice chairman and then chairman, in 1980-1981, of the Southeast Conference. In 1989, he won AWCI’s Outstanding Regional Chairman Award for his work with that conference. He has also been president of the Foundation of the Wall and Ceiling Industry. In addition, he has served as president of the Southeast Lathing and Plastering Bureau and the Nashville Plastering Contractors’ Association. Outside of the industry, he’s a long-time sponsor of the local Little League baseball team, and for many years he was involved with the Kiwanis club.

At a very young age, Liddle worked with his father, a plasterer. It seemed to come naturally to him. He worked summers and then weekends. He worked with his father in the business as soon as he got out of school for the day.

After high school, Liddle joined the Marines. Within months of enlisting, Sgt. Liddle was shipped overseas.

Upon returning to Nashville, Liddle completed his remaining years of apprenticeship training and became a jack-of-all trades in the family company.

On June 27, 1959, he married Barbara, a gal he met at a high school party. Eventually, their family included David, Darlene and Dwight. Despite his long hours, Liddle was determined that his wife and children would get the best of him.

His daughter said, “with my father, it was always important to him that he was home every night, and he was home every weekend, and everything that was ever important to me that I needed him there for, he was there.”

When his father retired in 1973, Leonard bought the business from his dad. With wife by his side, they grew from a lath and plaster firm to adding drywall and various finishes, including exterior insulation and finish systems.

Barbara Liddle says their company has been in business longer than any other plastering company in Nashville.
Representatives of Murray Drywall accept their company’s Excellence in Construction Safety Award from industry awards committee chairman Mikel Poelling.

Brice Neiman of E&K of Omaha accepts his company’s Safety Award.
Two awards for safety excellence were presented this year: One award is for a company that logs more than 100,000 annual man-hours, and the other is for a company that has fewer than 100,000 man-hours in a year.

The winner in the 100,000+ man-hours category is E&K of Omaha, in Omaha, Neb. Murray Drywall & Insulation of Texas, Inc., also located in Omaha, Neb., was the winner in the category with fewer than 100,000 man-hours in a year.

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- Employee involvement in running the program.
- Training is continuous, it never stops.

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E&K of Omaha has been in business for 49 years and had a written safety program for the last 15 years. When it comes to safety, E&K has spent a lot to save a lot—me company has spent thousands annually for safety, yet the savings due to his safety initiatives is in the millions since the program began.

All 40 of the company’s supervisory staff attended competent person training, and OSHA’s construction outreach program.

In the first year of reporting the company reported no accidents, and last year they also reported no accidents. In turn, the Experience Modification Rate has dropped from 1.16 to 0.93 in 2003. Of the 81,120 man-hours worked in 2003, there were no disabling injuries.

This contractor believes these factors are key to their successful safety program:

- You have to sell you safety program to your workers. They must believe in it.
- Communication is key. Safety must be discussed on all aspects of the job. Daily/Weekly meetings are mandatory.
- The financial impact of injuries on the bottom line is discussed with supervisors and it affects their bonus.
Like the safety award the Excellence in Construction Quality award also has two categories: one for AWCI member contractors whose contract for the project is less than $1 million, and the other for the AWCI member contractors whose contract is more than $1 million. But this year, because there were so many excellent nominations from which to choose, and Honorable Mention Award for quality was also named.

The project that won in the $1 million-plus category is the International Center for Possibility Thinking at the Crystal Cathedral Campus in Garden Grove, Calif. It is a breathtaking work of architecture. This unique structure has a stainless steel, glass and plaster exterior. The interior is very open and spacious with many signature features including an indoor/outdoor café, a feature stairway, bookstore, a chapel and three skylights that are 90 feet high.

Raymond Interior Systems of Orange, Calif, was the metal stud framing, fireproofing, drywall, and lath and plaster contractor. Behind all the stainless steel panels is metal stud framing and sheathing. The exterior framing was challenging because of the many curved angled surfaces and transitions. Most of the steel panels were pre-made into consistent squares, so the tolerances for error was very small. To construct the interior skylights and the high café atrium ceiling, Raymond had to supply platform scaffolding reaching 90 feet high.

The schedule called for a six month duration, but due to design changes, tenant improvements and water damage, it lasted 12 months. The last 25 percent of the project was on an accelerated schedule, working 10-hour days six days a week. Despite the rush, Raymond Interior Systems was able to achieve top quality workmanship and delivered its portion of work on time.

The AWCI member manufacturers that contributed to this job are Georgia-Pacific, W.R. Grace and USG.

The AWCI member suppliers that contributed are CalPly and Westside Building Materials.

The project that won in the less than $1 million contract category is the Miami Children’s Museum.

B&B Interior Systems, Inc. of Miami received a contract to build the Sand Castle at the new Miami Children's Museum on Watson Island in Miami. The project was a design nightmare.

The drawings for the castle were of the “This is what I envision” category, not the “This is how to build it” variety. B&B worked with the structural engineer after being shown a model of the castle to produce structural plans from which it was constructed. B&B was selected for the framing, drywall/plywood and finishing of the exhibit based on how fast they provided a solution to the construction of the sand castle.

An example of the challenges in this small building can be seen in the ramp area on the second floor that leads up to the Port of Miami's exhibit and then transitions to the deck of the Cruise Ship.

In the end, B&B Interior Systems, Inc. was able to finish the pro-
ject in a four-month period, as requested, in time for the Grand Opening in September 2003.

The AWCI member manufacturers that contributed to this job are Allsteel & Gypsum, Grabber Southeast, Hilti, G. Proulx and Radius Track Corp.

The AWCI member suppliers that contributed are Allsteel, Dale Incor, Dietrich Metal Framing, Grabber Construction Products, Hilti, Lafarge North America, National Gypsum and Radius Track Corp.

Finally, the honorable mention for quality went to Case Western Reserve University’s Weatherhead School of Management in Cleveland.

When GQ Contracting Co. of Wickliffe, Ohio, was hired to provide the framing and drywall construction for Case Western Reserve University’s Weatherhead School of Management, little did they know the extent of the ground breaking light gauge framing methods in conjunction with drywall work that had never before been attempted.

The design architects believed that large portions of the work would have to be plastered. GQ decided that the entire interior could be drywall and finished in a manner that would satisfy the design professionals and in the process create a new standard for excellence in framing and drywall construction. This would be the most difficult work ever attempted by a construction contractor using drywall.

The atrium area of the building required a full scaffold that was as high as 100 feet in some areas. Crisp lines and undulating surfaces were created by superior tradespeople who had never dreamed of performing work like this. With the atrium being washed in natural light from above, the drywall work had to be perfect—and it was.

Most of the framing was 12- to 16-gauge material. Some of the light gauge metal had to be configured into special shapes, which, in some instances, were compound curves. The material was purchased from non-standard suppliers who had the capacity to roll material that could be assembled to frame the required shapes. Drywall material likewise had to be able to be shaped as required. Special knives and darbys formed out of aluminum and Plexiglas—some as long as 4 feet—were used to create a smooth, taped surface. The results speak for themselves.

The AWCI member manufacturers that contributed to this job are Armstrong, Dietrich Metal Framing, Georgia-Pacific, W.R. Grace and USG.
Also at the Awards Presentation Brunch, AWCI honored two membership categories: the Centennial Award, given to member companies that have been in business for 100 years or more, and the 50 Years Award, given to companies that have been AWCI members for at least 50 years.


Finally, Ron Becht, executive director of the Northern California Drywall Contractors Association, was recognized for his 48 years of service to the industry.

Becht started his career with the National Gypsum Company in 1956. He spent many years there and was recognized as an outstanding salesman in 1963. He spent several years as a drywall contractor in the Bay area and later he joined the Drywall Information Trust Fund of the California State Association. Becht then joined the Northern California Drywall Contractors Association at its birth and has been its only director for the past 35 years.

For the fourth year, AWCI awarded the best booths on the trade show floor. Winners are judged by an independent third party who looks for attentiveness of staff, attractiveness of booth and other factors.

This year, the best 10' by 10' booth was awarded to Full Circle International, Inc., and the International Union of Painters & Allied Trades, LMCI won in the Best Island Booth category.
James Hardie Interiors was the best multiple booth, and Car-gotec, Inc. won the best truck booth award.

*Foundation Winners*

This year’s Foundation Golf Tournament, sponsored by American Gypsum Company, was held at the DragonRidge Country Club during the AWCI annual convention.

With a score of 59 on the 72-par course, the winning foursome was Chris Doyle, Keith Metcalf, Ryan Stansland and Don Warner, all—coincidentally enough—with American Gypsum Company, headquartered in Alburquerque.

And the coincidences just keep on coming for American Gypsum Company: David Bates (with American Gypsum) won for the longest drive. Closest to the pin was a tie between Rob Waterhouse of USG in Chicago and Jerry Wilson with Rosmar Drywall of Guelph, Ontario. Rusty Plowman had the longest putt.

In addition to the live and silent auctions, two of the Foundation’s other fund-raising events are the auto and bracelet raffles. This year they brought in just under $51,000 to benefit the Foundation’s educational programs. The new Nissan 350Z convertible was donated by Dietrich Metal Framing, G-P Gypsum and WA/Grabber Construction Products, and the $2,500 diamond bracelet was donated by Richter System Gmbh.

Donna Feldner of McNulty Bros. Company in Chicago won the car raffle. Her ticket was among the five that were drawn from the bowl. The five winning ticket holders each received a key, which may or may not open a locked box that held the key that would start the Audi. Those five also have the option of auctioning off their key and keeping a portion of the proceeds.

The other four people who got to try their key in the new car were Brian Allen of Precision Walls of Raleigh, N.C.; Kevin Biddle of Mader Construction Company, Inc. of Elma, N.Y.; Eduardo Cisneros of Jet Dry Wall of Grand Prairie, Texas; and Joe Olivieri of AWCCI of New York in Jericho, N.Y.

Biddle, who recently was named to the 2004-2005 AWCI Executive Committee, not only had his name drawn for a chance to win the car, but he did win the drawing for the $2,500 David Yurman bracelet.

And some people became winners simply because they sat down in the right chair for dinner. Each place setting was accompanied by a ticket, and if you had the winning number, you won a door prize. John Larson of Plastic Components, Inc. in Miami, Julie Sinclair of Sinclair Drywall of Kailua, Hawaii, and Andrea Santangelo of J&B Acoustical, Inc. in Mansfield, Ohio, all won a bag of AWCI memorabilia.

Finally, if you were at the trade show when the expo closed, you were eligible to win $500 if your name was randomly selected from the roster of registered attendees. Renee Drummond of National Gypsum was the winner of this contest.
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ACT's INTEX Awards the Best of the Best

Architectural Contractors Trade Association, Farmington Hills, Mich., recognized three area contractors for their hard work and outstanding construction projects at the 9th Annual INTEX Achievement Awards. Recipients of the prestigious INTEX Achievement Award includes: Saylor’s Inc, City Carpet & Flooring and Turner-Brooks Inc.

The INTEX Achievement Award is sponsored by the Architectural Contractors Industry Fund in conjunction with this year’s Gold Sponsors: Associated General Contractors-Greater Detroit Chapter, Ceilings & Walls Inc., Carpenters-Labor Management Productivity & Training, Laborers Local 1076-Labor Management Trust and Oakland Insurance Agency.

The Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening was Ms. Rhonda Walker of WDIV Local First News who delighted the audience of more than 130 guests at the ninth annual INTEX award ceremony on April 27, 2004, at the Troy Marriott.

“The INTEX Award ceremony is the premier event for ACT and we are proud of the momentum it has had over the last nine years. The award gives the industry and the public the opportunity to see the result of quality workmanship and high standards in the architectural trades. It is also become a vehicle for recognition and pride for industry excellence,” stated Robert Halik, President of ACT, that evening.

Established in 1995 to acknowledge outstanding achievement in Interior & Exterior construction projects, the INTEX Achievement Award is open to all union contractors. The ACT Promotion Committee and a panel of architects judge the projects. Criteria for the award include aesthetics, workmanship, difficulty of installation and scope of work. More than 25 projects were nominated this year.

The award-winning construction projects receiving the INTEX Achievement Award this year include the following:

- Huron Village, Ann Arbor for the EIFS category, project completed by Saylor’s Inc, General Contractor-Dugan Building Co. & Bostleman Corp, Architect-Metro Group Architects, Ann Arbor and HBC Architects, New York.
- Compuware World Headquarters, Child Daycare Center for the Resilient Floor category, project completed by City Carpet & Flooring, General Contractor-Walbridge Aldinger, Architect-Rossetti.

For more information about ACT, visit their website at www.act-mich.org.

Johns Manville Wins Sweets Directory Award for “Best Technical”

Johns Manville, Denver, announced that its Building Insulation Division has been named a winner in the Sweets Directory Marketplace Awards for Best Technical Information. The fifth annual award recognizes product manufacturers who have made an outstanding contribution to the Sweets Directories in the areas of design, technical information and electronic (online) content as judged by a panel of independent specifiers and architects.

The Sweets Directory, a McGraw Hill publication, is the leading resource for architects and specifiers to locate information about product details, technical drawings and specifications. Updated every year, the directory is utilized by 87 percent of all construction professionals as their primary resource for product information.

“We feel privileged to be selected for the Best Technical award, particularly since architects and specifiers refer to Sweets for very specific, very technical information,” said Tony Fonk, commercial marketing manager for Johns Manville. “Our goal is to help architects and specifiers as best we can to provide valuable, easy-to-use information about our product line, its unique qualities and the applications in which its best to use JM Formaldehyde-free insulation.”

For this year’s book, Johns Manville provided Sweets a 28 page...
product directory and technical manual which not only focuses on product specifications, but also on product attributes and performance considerations. The manual is broken down into six topical categories including sustainable design, products, thermal performance, acoustical performance, fire resistance and moisture control.

The Sweets Directory product guide compliments other specification resources offered by Johns Manville. Launched last year, www.specJM.com is a one-stop online resource that provides architects information on formaldehyde-free specifications, product information, LEED contributions, case studies, online certification credits and updates for JM’s product binder. Also new for this year is a CD containing all specification resources, including product information, technical information and specifications.

In addition to industry-leading technical information and specifications, Johns Manville continues to be a leader in product innovation. In 2002, Johns Manville became the only manufacturer to offer a full line of formaldehyde-free fiber glass building insulation. Since its introduction, Johns Manville Formaldehyde-free has been heralded by the industry and has received much recognition. The manufacturer’s formaldehyde-free product line has received Architecture magazine’s ACE award two years in a row and was included in BuildingGreen’s “Top 10 New Green Building Products;” honored as a “Most Valuable Product” in Building Products magazine’s MVP awards; named an Architectural Record editor’s pick; and was an editors’ choice in ProSales magazine.

**OCAI Professional Coating Knives Recognized for Best Design at the “Observeur Du Design” Awards in France**

The French company OCAI received the 2003 “Observeur du Design” Star for its new coating knives. These tools for trade professionals are used to apply coatings such as paint, polish and resins to walls. They are available in two versions, with a stainless steel and a steel blade. Created in 1999 at the initiative of France’s Agency for the Promotion of Industrial Creation, the “Observeur du Design” selects and awards the most innovative industrial design products made or sold in France each year.

Research conducted on building sites on how users hold tools helped Ocai determine which areas on the knives should be made from elastomer. The use of a hollow handle ensures that the tools are lightweight, and provides greater user comfort as well as savings in raw material.

The handle’s ergonomic grip breaks with tradition. Function dictates design: the user’s hand position is natural, and the three rivets fixing the blade are embedded in the elastomer. Suitable for both left- and right-handed users, this is the only coating knife that allows them to naturally find the direction in which to move the blade. These new knives for professional use join the company’s existing range of trowels and American knives with handles made from two different materials with the same technical features.

OCAI is currently seeking business contacts in the United States and Canada.

**NARI Announces National Winners of the 2004 CotY Awards**

The 2004 Evening of Excellence capped a weeklong event for the National Association of the Remodeling Industry Des Plaines, Ill., that also included its Spring Board of Directors Meeting, held at the Hyatt Regency O’Hare, Rosemont Illinois, March 30-April 3, 2004.

The Evening of Excellence, culminating with the Contractor of the Year Awards ceremony, is commonly regarded as the premier event of the year throughout the remodeling industry. Held Saturday, April 3, 2004, the event was attended by more than 350 of the industry’s elite and was sponsored by the following NARI National Member companies: Platinum Level-The Home Depot, Lowe’s; Gold Level - Ferguson Enterprises; Silver Level - Andersen Windows & Doors, GB Home Improvement Lending and Pella Corporation; Bronze Level - Business Networks, DuPont Surfaces, Nationwide Floor & Window Coverings, Paslode and Remodeling magazine.

Contractors from seven regions around the country vie for the awards on an annual basis. All projects submitted for judging must be an improvement or an addition to an existing structure in order to be considered. New construction projects are not eligible. In addition, competing projects must have been completed between July 1 of the previous year and November 30 of the current year (a 17-month time period) and cannot have been submitted in prior NARI National contests. An impartial panel of judges, who are considered experts within the industry and associated fields, selected winners based on each entrant’s “Before and After” photography and project description. Judging was
based on problem solving, functionality, aesthetics, craftsmanship, innovation, degree of difficulty and entry presentation.

Twenty-four national CotY winners were named at this year’s ceremony. Preliminary judging took place at the association’s national headquarters in Des Plaines, Illinois, in January, where regional winners were announced in each of the categories. These regional winners advanced as finalists at the national level. To be considered, a company must be a NARI member in good standing. NARI members represent a select group from the approximately 800,000 companies and individuals in the U.S. identifying themselves as professional remodelers.

The complete list of national CotY award winners for 2004 is as follows:

Residential Kitchen under $30,000: Acheron Construction, LLC, Garland, Texas.

Residential Kitchen $30,000-$60,000: Moisan Remodeling Inc., Dallas, Texas.

Residential Kitchen $60,001-$100,000: Authentic Construction Company, St. Paul, Minn.

Residential Kitchen over $100,000: Podesta Construction, with team member MaryLou D’Auray Interior Design, San Francisco.

Residential Bath under $30,000: Crane Builders, LLC, Nashville, Tenn.

Residential Bath $30,000-$60,000: Sweeney Construction Corporation, with team member Kitchen Ideas Center, Madison, Wis.

Residential Bath over $60,000: Constructive Innovations, Inc., Decatur, Ga.

Residential Interior under $100,000: Fisher Group, LLC, Annadale, Va.

Residential Interior over $100,000: Carolyn McCown and Associates, Culver City, Calif.

Residential Addition under $100,000: Bartelt-Filo Design Build, Menomonee Falls, Wis.

Residential Addition $100,000- $250,000: InterWorks LLC, Portland, Ore.

Residential Addition over $250,000: Space Craft Architecture & Construction, Columbus, Ohio.

Residential Exterior under $100,000: Creative Contracting, Inc., North Wales, Pa.

Residential Exterior over $100,000: Barry Goggin Construction Corp., Ronkonkoma, N.Y.


Entire House under $250,000: B&E General Contractors, Glendale, Wis.

Entire House $250,000-$500,000: Brett King Builder-Contractor, Inc., Quakertown, Pa.

Entire House $500,000-$1,000,000: Davitt Design-Build, Inc., West Kingston, R.I.

Entire House over $1,000,000: Vujovich Design Build, Inc., Minneapolis.

Residential Historical Renovation/ Restoration: Strobel Building, Inc., St. Petersburg, Fla.


Commercial Interior: Thompson Building Associates, Columbus, Ohio.

Commercial Specialty: Garden State Brickface Windows & Siding, Roselle, N.J.
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There were 12 categories of Achievement Awards handed out in Rosemont. The Achievement Awards are bestowed on an annual basis and based on nominations. An exception is the “Henry Spies Superstar Award,” which recognizes two individuals—a Certified Remodeler and a Certified Lead Carpenter—who achieve the highest score on the written certification exam during the previous calendar year. Both the CR and the CLC are designations within NARI’s certification program.

The remaining categories are designed to recognize outstanding achievement by an individual, company or chapter that serves to promote and enhance the professional remodeling industry.

The complete list of national Achievement Award winners for 2004 is as follows:

Harold Hammerman Spirit of Education Award: Shawn McCadden, CR, CLC.

Henry Fenderbosch Leadership Award: Les Cunningham, CR, CGC, CCR, CGRa.

Lifetime Achievement Award: Julius Lowenberg.

Local Chapter Community Project Award: Bucks Mont NARI.

Local Chapter Excellence Award: Greater Cleveland NARI.

Local Chapter President Award: Bryan Bennight, CR, Greater Charlotte NARI; Philip H Blosser, CRS, Bucks Mont NARI; Belva Ann Nelson, NARI Houston.

Peter H. Johnson Image Award: NARI Greater Dallas.

Professionalism Award: Doug Brownfield, NARI of Central Ohio.

John Quaregna Award for Young Remodeling Professionals: Eric Lowenberg.

Government Affairs Award: Tom Lammers, CR.

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Chemettall Oakite Announces the North American CEO Award Recipients for 2003

The 2003 North American CEO Awards were presented last month to three outstanding employees for their exemplary contributions to Chemetall Oakite, Berkeley Heights, N.J. The North American CEO Award honors those employees in both sales and support functions who display excellence in service to our internal and external customers. Tim McCune of Charlotte, N.C., was chosen for the CEO Award - Sales.

McCune joined Chemetall Oakite in 1990 and services both North and South Carolina. His performance for 2003 was exceptional, with sales in excess of $1 million dollars, a growth of more than $156K. He increased his customer base by 15 percent, is responsive to his customers’ needs and treats his fellow colleagues with sincere respect.

The Award for Support Personnel was won jointly by Karen Sohl and Ron Ascenzo. Karen Sohl of Berkeley Heights, N.J., is the corporate training manager of Chemetall Oakite and a 29-year veteran with Chemetall Oakite. She has held various positions in both Research and Development and Marketing during her career with the company. In addition to her current training duties, she is also responsible for coordinating the Company’s Corporate Risk program. Sohl has quietly improved the skills of many, helps protect the company’s interests and reinforces the unique culture that is Chemetall Oakite.

Ascenzo has been with Chemetall Oakite for 24 years, working both in the Research and Development Department and
Marketing, where he is currently Senior Industry Manager. In keeping with Chemetall Oakite’s commitment to excellence, Ascenzo promptly responds to calls requesting his services and continuously seeks innovative and better ways of doing things thereby improving the effectiveness of the marketing department.

**MBMA Bestows Manufacturer Safety Awards**

The Metal Building Manufacturers Association, Cleveland, announced the winners of its 2003 Safety Awards. The awards program promotes exceptional safety efforts within the metal building and metal roofing manufacturing industries.

The awards were presented at the MBMA Annual Meeting held Dec. 9-10 in Atlanta.

For the second year in a row, Spirco Manufacturing of Memphis, Tenn., received the Overall MBMA Safety Award. Spirco recorded the lowest accident rate among MBMA member companies. The rate is based on the total number of work mishaps per 100 equivalent workers over a calendar year.

American Buildings Company’s Lacrosse, Va., facility was the winner in the Individual Plant Location category American Buildings Company is headquartered in Eufaula, Ala.

Honorable Certificates were also given to the following individual plant locations: American Buildings Company, Eufaula, Ala. (headquarters); Butler Manufacturing Company, Birmingham, Alabama (headquartered in Kansas City, MoMo.); Ceco Building Systems, Columbus, Miss. (headquarters); Ceco Building Systems, Rocky Mount, N.C.; Nucor Building Systems, Swansea, S. C. (headquartered in Charlotte, N.C.); Spirco Manufacturing, Memphis, Tenn.; VP Buildings, Inc., Evansville, Wis. (headquartered in Memphis, Tenn.); VP Buildings, Inc., Pine Bluff, Ark.; and VP Buildings, Inc., Rainsville, Ala.

Using data submitted by its member companies, MBMA uses OSHA guidelines to compare scores with other companies with similar exposure to accidents. For an individual plant to be eligible for an MBMA Safety Award, it must include data on all
supervisory, clerical and janitorial employees who spend at least 50 percent of their time working on the plant floor.

ABC Honors Contractors for Commitment to Careers in Constructions

Associated Builders and Contractors, Washington, D.C., on Feb. 28 recognized two contractors from ABC member firms for their dedication to advancing careers in construction. The inaugural Supportive Contractors Awards were presented during the 2004 ABC National Convention in Honolulu.

The awards are supported by ABC’s Trimmer Education Foundation and recognize ABC contractor members who have championed careers in construction in both the skilled crafts and construction management education.

Melissa Bowman of James Craft & Son, Inc., York Haven, Pa., was honored for her work in encouraging students to pursue careers in construction. Bowman works closely with elementary, middle school and high school students, as well as teachers, counselors and parents, to raise awareness of and promote career opportunities in construction. Bowman also helps local schools coordinate classroom visits with construction industry representatives and hosts a “career camp” each summer.

“Melissa Bowman is a tireless industry advocate and a great role model for contractors in reaching out to students at all levels to share the great career opportunities available in the construction industry,” said 2004 ABC National Chair Carole L. Bionda, vice president, Nova Group, Napa, Calif.

Mike Rozier of Mike Rozier Construction Company, Hattiesburg, Miss., was recognized for his outstanding support of ABC’s student chapter at the University of Southern Mississippi. Rozier, a graduate of USM’s construction management program, works closely with students to provide mentoring, organize jobsite visits and promote ABC and the merit shop philosophy.

“Mike Rozier has shown his dedication to guiding students in the pursuit of successful careers in this great industry,” said Bionda. “Mike exemplifies the dedication that ABC has to its student chapters at 44 colleges and universities across the nation. His involvement reminds contractors everywhere that in spite of busy schedules, we should take time to give back to the next generation of construction industry leaders.”

ABC Recognizes Outstanding Student Chapters

Associated Builders and Contractors, Washington, D.C., presented awards to the top three college and university student chapters of ABC for the 2003-2004 academic year during the association’s national convention in Honolulu. These three chapters were chosen from among ABC’s 44 college and university student chapters nationwide for their excellence in innovation; creativity; community service; interaction with their local ABC chapter; and communications/public relations.

“The ABC student chapter program at colleges and universities nationwide is central to the association’s goal of educating the next generation of construction industry leaders, and we congratulate the three schools recognized during our national convention,” said ABC 2004 National Chair Carole L. Bionda, vice president, Nova Group, Napa, Calif. “Student chapters not only bring energy and vision to ABC, they also allow students to participate in national industry events such as the ABC convention, to network with their peers and potential employers and
to participate in dynamic educational and community service programs.”

More than 100 students and faculty, from ABC student chapters nationwide attended the ABC convention, participating in convention workshops, seminars and the ABC student chapter construction management competition. Special student-focused sessions were held on leadership and career transition and included student essay presentations.

The winning student chapters this year are as follows:

Student Chapter of the Year: Texas A&M University.

Student Chapter Award of Merit: University of Southern Mississippi.

Student Chapter Award of Honor: University of Cincinnati.

ABC’s national student chapter activities include an annual essay contest; an annual grant program for seven students to attend the ABC Legislative Conference; a construction management competition with cash prizes and awards and annual excellence recognition awards. ABC’s Trimmer Education Foundation also provides scholarship opportunities to student chapter members.

Associated Builders and Contractors Recognizes National Student Construction Management Competition Winners

Associated Builders and Contractors held its fourth annual Student Construction Management Competition during the ABC national convention in Honolulu.

“The ABC Student Construction Management Competition brought together the best and the brightest from ABC student chapters at colleges and universities across the United States,” said ABC 2004 National Chair Carole L. Bionda, vice president, Nova Group, Napa, Calif. “ABC has student chapters at 44 colleges and universities nationwide, and we are committed to supporting and improving construction education nationwide.”

This year’s program drew teams from a record number of 19 colleges and universities competing for cash awards and the construction management champions’ title. Students competed in three areas: project management/scheduling, estimating and safety. Awards were given in each area, as well as an overall award for highest total points. Students worked in teams of four in an intensive six-hour competition, involving a real-life construction project converting a hotel into condominiums.

“The incredible performance of these students in a real-world project management simulation is a testament to the fine colleges and universities that they represent,” Bionda said. “This competition allowed students to learn about teamwork and about working well under pressure. In addition to competing, students were able to network with their peers and with potential employers while experiencing the excitement of a national ABC convention,” she said.

The 2004 Student Chapter Management Competition winners are as follows:

ESTIMATING
First Place: Brigham Young University
Second Place: Virginia Tech
Third Place: University of Southern Mississippi

SAFETY
First Place: University of Central Florida
Second Place: Pennsylvania College of Technology
Third Place: University of Southern Mississippi

PROJECT MANAGEMENT/SCHEDULING
First Place: Colorado State University
Second Place: Pennsylvania College of Technology
Third Place: Brigham Young University

Construction Management team with highest total points:
Colorado State University

ABC Honors America’s Top Construction Projects

Associated Builders and Contractors recognized America’s top 2003 construction projects during its Excellence in Construction awards program during its 2004 national convention in Honolulu.

“The projects we honor through the Excellence in Construction awards program represent the industry’s best,” said 2004 ABC National Chair Carole L. Bionda, vice president, Nova Group, Napa, Calif. “There is a remarkable standard of excellence on these projects, from design and construction to employee safety, training and innovation. These projects help set the standard, not only for ABC, but also for the entire U.S. construction industry.”
ABC’s Excellence in Construction awards program recognizes the quality and innovation of merit shop construction and honors all members of the construction team, including the contractor, the owner and the design team. This year’s winners, selected from more than 300 entries submitted from across the United States, were judged on complexity attractiveness, unusual challenges, completion time, workmanship, safety and budget.

A panel of 12 distinguished industry experts judged the competition including representatives from the American Institute of Architects, the Design Build Institute of America, the Smithsonian Institution, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the National Institute of Building Sciences, Engineering News-Record and others.

Space does not permit us to publish all the 2003 Eagle Award winners, but some that are related to our industry are listed below. The complete list of ABC merit award winners is available on the ABC national Web site, www.abc.org.

**Mega-Projects over $100 million**
Contractor: AMEC Construction Management, Inc.
Client/Owner: U.S. Department of Defense, Pentagon Renovation Program
Architect/Engineer: KCE Structural Engineers, P.C.

**Commercial $5 million-$10 million**
Contractor: Paul Risk Associates, Inc.
Project: Willow Valley Retirement Communities Cultural Center, Willow Street, Pa.
Client/Owner: Willow Valley Retirement Communities, Inc.
Architect/Engineer: Bernardon, Haber, Holloway Architects

**Commercial $10 million-$25 million**
Contractor: Pinkard Construction Company
Project: Lakeshore Athletic Club, Broomfield, Colo.
Client/Owner: Lakeshore Centre
Architect/Engineer: Ohlson Lavoie Collaborative

**Commercial $25 million-$99 million**
Contractor: Caddell Construction Co., Inc.
Project: New U.S. Consulate Complex, Istanbul, Turkey
Client/Owner: U.S. Department of State
Architect/Engineer: Zimmer-Gunsul-Frasca Partnership

**Historical Restoration under $2 million**
Contractor: Century Construction, Inc.
Project: The Hofbrauhaus, Newport, Ky.
Client/Owner: Newport Investment Co., LLC
Architect/Engineer: Piaskowy & Cooper

**Historical Restoration $2 million-$10 million**
Contractor: SpawGlass Contractors, Inc.
Project: San Fernando Cathedral Restoration and New City Centre
San Antonio, Texas
Client/Owner: Archdiocese of San Antonio
Architect/Engineer: Raferty Raferty & Tollefson/Fisher-Heck, Inc.

**Historical Restoration $10 million-$99 million**
Contractor: Skanska USA Building Inc.
Project: Cad’Zan Museum Historic Restoration, Tampa, Fla.
Client/Owner: Florida State University
Architect/Engineer: Stevenson Architects, Inc.

**Historical Restoration $10 million-$99 million**
Contractor: R.C. Mathews Contractor, LLC
Project: Renovation of the Montgomery County Courthouse, Clarksdale, Tenn.
Client/Owner: Montgomery County Government
Architect/Engineer: Lyle-Cook-Martin Architects
Industrial Under $2 million
Contractor: Brock Maintenance, Inc.
Project: ExxonMobil Low Sulfur Mogas Project, Baytown, Texas
Client/Owner: ExxonMobil
Architect/Engineer: Fluor Enterprises, Inc.

Industrial $2 million-$5 million
Contractor: Brindley Construction Group
Project: Johnson Controls, Inc. Foam Plant Addition, Pulaski, Tenn.
Client/Owner: Johnson Controls, Inc.
Architect/Engineer: EMC Structural Engineers

Industrial $5 million-$15 million
Contractor: Performance Contractors, Inc.
Client/Owner: Marathon Ashland Petroleum, LLC
Architect/Engineer: Fluor Corporation

Industrial $15 million-$25 million
Contractor: KBR
Project: INEOS Phenol Cleavage Unit Rebuild, Theodore, Ala.
Client/Owner: INEOS Phenol, Inc.
Architect/Engineer: KBR

Industrial $15 million-$25 million
Contractor: Performance Contractors, Inc.
Project: ExxonMobil - Low Sulfur Mogas Project, Baton Rouge, La.
Client/Owner: ExxonMobil
Architect/Engineer: Fluor Corporation

Industrial $25 million-$99 million
Contractor: Performance Contractors, Inc.
Project: Chevron Phillips Chemical Company St. James, La.
Client/Owner: Chevron Phillips Chemical Company, LP
Architect/Engineer: Bechtel Corporation

Institutional under $2 million
Project: North Ridge Park Pavilion, Coralville, Iowa
Client/Owner: City of Coralville
Architect/Engineer: Neumann Monson

Institutional $2 million-$5 million
Contractor: CC Inc. Construction Services
Project: Shiloh Baptist Church, Easton, Pa.
Client/Owner: Shiloh Baptist Church
Architect/Engineer: Z Architects

Institutional $5 million-$10 million
Contractor: Thos. S. Byrne, Ltd.
Project: Latino Cultural Center, Dallas, Texas
Client/Owner: City of Dallas
Architect/Engineer: Halff Associates

Institutional $10 million-$25 million
Contractor: Ajax Building Corporation
Project: East Gadsden High School, Havana, Fla.
Client/Owner: Gadsden County School Board
Architect/Engineer: Clemons Rutherford & Associates

Institutional $25 million-$99 million
Contractor: Skanska USA Building Inc.
Project: U.S. Courthouse, Jacksonville, Fla.
Client/Owner: General Services Administration
Architect/Engineer: HLM Design/KBJ Architects

Pre-Engineered Building under $2 million
Contractor: Gorski Construction Co., Inc.
Client/Owner: Caesar & Saranne Gorski
Architect/Engineer: Gorski Construction Company, Inc.

Pre-Engineered Building $2 million-$10 million
Contractor: Klinger Constructors, Inc.
Project: National Dance Institute “The Dance Barns,” Santa Fe, N.M.
Client/Owner: National Dance Institute
Architect/Engineer: Duty Germainis

Pre-Engineered Building $10 million-$99 million
Contractor: SEDALCO, L.P.
Project: McLennan County State Juvenile Correctional Facility, Phase II, Mart, Texas
Client/Owner: Texas Youth Commission
Architect/Engineer: HKS, Inc.

Renovation - Under $2 million
Contractor: Centex Construction Company
Project: Renovation Project - Children’s Medical Center, Dallas
Client/Owner: Children’s Medical Center of Dallas
Architect/Engineer: HKS, Inc.

Renovation $2 million-$10 million
Contractor: Pinkard Construction Company
Project: Colorado State University Plant Science Building
Renovation, Fort Collins, Colo.
MemBrain™, the Smart Vapor Retarder from CertainTeed Corporation, Valley Forge, Pa., has been selected as one of the 2003 BuildingGreen Top-10 products. This annual award recognizes the most innovative and exciting green building products added to the GreenSpec® Directory during the past year.

This year’s BuildingGreen Top 10 covers a variety of products and applications. Some are used primarily in commercial buildings, others in residential applications. Some are considered “green” because they are made from recycled content or bio-based materials, others because they save water or are highly durable.

“In the 12 years that we’ve been tracking green building products the new product offerings have never been more exciting or more varied than this year,” said Alex Wilson, co-editor of the GreenSpec® Directory. One driver of this innovation is the U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED™ Rating System (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design). “Designers of LEED buildings are looking for green products, and manufacturers are responding,” Wilson explained. “This trend shows no evidence of slowing.”

GreenSpec is a national directory of green building products. The 1,750-plus products listed in the directory are selected by the editors of Environmental Building News based on criteria developed over the past 12 years. Manufacturers do not pay to be listed in GreenSpec, and neither GreenSpec nor EBN carry advertising; both are supported by users of the information.