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PINNACLE AWARDS PRESENTED AT BAHAMAS CONVENTION

Carolinas AGC presented the annual Pinnacle Awards for outstanding achievement in the commercial construction industry at the Annual Convention in the Bahamas recently. Candidates for the Pinnacle Awards are evaluated by judges representing general contractors, subcontractors and supplier/service companies across North and South Carolina. Below are highlights of winners in the Building Division:

BEST GENERAL CONTRACTOR: T. A. Loving Company, Goldsboro, NC

Commentary from Awards Ceremony:

This diversified firm tackles bridge and heavy construction, utilities work, and healthcare and institutional construction. T. A. Loving Company is 78 years old, and its top 10 senior managers have a combined 365 years of service. T. A. Loving Company's commitment to safety, such as incorporating it into employee profit sharing initiatives, has resulted in a mod rate of .65.

From the judges:

"... with every single inquiry made in relation to Pinnacle judging, responses included comments about how much T. A. Loving cares... not just about quality but about its entire construction team."

Supporting comments from subcontractors:

TALCO makes you want to perform well for them."

"T. A. Loving treats all subs with respect... no obnoxious letters!"

BEST BUILDING PROJECT: The Grove Arcade Renovation, Asheville, NC
GC: Weaver Cooke Construction, Greensboro, NC

Commentary from Awards Ceremony:

This project involved the renovation of a 73-year-old historic landmark, originally a retail arcade, that occupies a city block in Asheville. Nearly 300,000 square feet on 6 floors was retrofitted for a public market, office space and luxury apartments, while preserving the building's federal historic designation and turn-of-the-century architectural details.

Charles Worley, Mayor of Asheville, said "Through Weaver Cooke's efforts, our City has helped preserve one of the largest, most beautiful and most significant architectural buildings in our region." The project was completed on time and under budget, with no lost-time accidents.

This renovation was a true public/private partnering project involving Progress Energy, The Grove Arcade Foundation and the City of Asheville.

BEST PARTNERING PROJECT: Brenner Children's Hospital, Winston-Salem, NC

GC: Bovis Lend Lease, Charlotte, NC

Architect: Gresham, Smith & Partners, Nashville, TN

Owner: Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center

Commentary from Awards Ceremony:

This award honors not only the construction team, but also the owner and the designer, the three parties who make any Partnering Project successful

This 12-story vertical expansion project added more than 400,000 square feet to buildings and parking garage facilities. Its \$80 million scope touched not only all pediatric services, but also cardiac cath labs, the adult day hospital, and surgical services.

While additional floors were being built right on top of them, all floors below remained operational. The construction staging area was limited to roughly 4,000 square feet, housing one of two tower cranes and a double hoist and scaffold system, as well as access for all materials and workers. Dedication to safety was paramount, as evidenced by the North Carolina Department of Labor awarding the project a NC OSHA Star.

Task teams organized by Bovis Lend Lease were empowered to allow many people to contribute and eliminate bureaucracy barriers. In particular, the Interior Services team sponsored hospital staff tours that resulted in wish lists, which in turn resulted in both major and minor changes that enhanced both the process of construction and the completed product. In regular partnering meetings of these task teams and the management teams, all stakeholders evaluated the other stakeholders' performances

BEST UTILITY PROJECT:

Hickory Construction Co., Hickory, NC, was honored for its work on the Bee Tree Dam and Burnette Dam Improvements in Buncombe County, NC.

DON'T FORGET THESE DATES IN 2004

- AIA NC/CAGC Joint Committee Meeting: April 22-25, 2004, Tides Inn in Virginia
- Industrial Construction & Maintenance Committee Meeting: March 25, 2004, Charlotte
- AIA SC/State Construction/CAGC Joint Committee Meeting: May 15-16, Crowne Plaza Resort in Hilton Head

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"That's something we in Georgia call all vine and no 'taters."

- U.S. Sen. Zell Miller, D-Georgia, in discussing on the Don Imus radio talk show recently, his dissatisfaction with Sen. John Kerry, D-Massachusetts, in his run for the presidency.

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