

A/E/C Firms Capture Best of State 2007 Medals

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Wadsworth Brothers, MHTN, Spectrum, Reaveley, Tod Wadsworth honored for excellence and contribution to community.

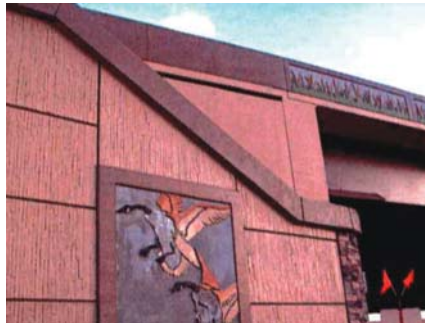
Four firms and one individual from the A/E/C industry in Utah were honored May 19 at the fifth annual 'Best of State' Awards Gala at the Salt Palace Grand Ballroom in Salt Lake City.



The Best of State Awards were created to recognize outstanding individuals, organizations and businesses in Utah.

Those receiving medals included the following:

- Commercial Construction – Wadsworth Brothers Construction, Draper
 - Architect – MHTN Architects, Inc., Salt Lake City
 - Structural Engineer – Reaveley Engineers + Associates, Salt Lake City
 - Electrical Engineer – Spectrum Engineers, Salt Lake City
 - Mechanical Engineer – Spectrum Engineers, Salt Lake City
 - Lighting Design – Spectrum Engineers, Salt Lake City
 - Sculpture – Tod L. Wadsworth of Ralph L. Wadsworth Construction, Draper
- Each of the winners has previously won a Best of State medal since the program's inception in 2003. Wadsworth Brothers Construction has captured the Commercial Construction medal for the past three consecutive years. MHTN Architects won the



Tod Wadsworth of Ralph L. Wadsworth Construction won a medal in sculpture at the 2007 'Best of State' awards in May, for work he did on the SR-201 Design-Build project.

Architect category for the second straight year. Reaveley Engineers + Associates has garnered the Structural Engineer medal five years running now. Spectrum Engineers has won an unprecedented 10 Best of State medals in five years, including the Mechanical and Electrical Engineering medal the past four years. Tod Wadsworth previously won the Sculpture medal in 2005 for his unique work with concrete.

The award is a significant accomplishment, said the firms and individuals honored.

"We get a lot of awards, but (Best of State) is probably more significant to me in terms of recognition for aspects other than just what we build," said Guy Wadsworth, president of Wadsworth Brothers Construction, who said that his firm's annual contributions to charity is something that is factored into the judging criteria. "This is the one venue that tends to recognize what you're giving back to the community. It gives you a feeling of accomplishment in that arena.

"We've consistently adopted a pay it forward attitude," added Wadsworth. "We give away a significant percentage of our pre-tax profits to charities each year, and it's become a significant amount in the 16 years we've been in business. That probably

weighs significantly in the process."

"Best of State offers a unique approach to evaluating your company," said Sean Wright, vice president of marketing for MHTN, "from how well you perform your services, to what types of innovations and new technologies you're using to further your professional efforts, and what your involvement is in community. We're thrilled to be recognized again."

"It's an absolute honor to have been selected Best of State again," said A. Parry Brown, president of Reaveley Engineers + Associates. "In our business, it's not common that we get any kind of recognition for the work we do. Having this recognition really means a lot to us."

Brown said Reaveley's success is due to having great people within the firm who have the capability and skill to design unique, landmark projects in the state, such as the Utah State Capitol, Intermountain Medical Center, and the Salt Lake Tabernacle.

"Other than the overall quality of the engineers and employees we have, our success comes from having the opportunity to work on high profile projects around the state," said Brown.

"Winning Best of State in all the market segments that we serve is an honor and validates Spectrum's setting higher minimum standards for the selection of our mechanical, electrical, and lighting professionals," said Spectrum CEO Skip Greene.

For Tod Wadsworth, a senior vice president of Business Development for Ralph L. Wadsworth Construction, his second Best of State award was earned for his unique artistic talent in improving the aesthetic appearance of highways, bridges, freeway exchanges and other public structures with sculpted concrete panels. SR-201 is perhaps the most recent noteworthy project

Wadsworth worked on, as he was involved in the entire design process of the project, including 49 sculpted concrete panels and a matching Xeriscaping theme that complements the locale and reflects the areas geographical uniqueness.

Wadsworth said he believes his sculpted concrete panels add a nice look to the community.

"It enhances the traveling public's eye of what they perceive concrete structures can be," said Wadsworth, who began doing his unique concrete sculptures 15 years ago. "There are millions of travelers that drive by the structures – I think they appreciate that we're doing something to enhance the look of our freeways."

He added, "The most important thing to me is that (the award) opens the door to do more of this kind of work for UDOT, cities and private owners and developers, and for them to incorporate art or scenes in the concrete medium."

The event was hosted by KUTV anchors Mark Koelbel and Shauna Lake, with entertainment provided by Kurt Bestor, Meredith Campbell, and the Music School's Crescent Super Band.

Lochner Receives 2007 ARTBA Pride Award

Community relations efforts by H.W. Lochner of Salt Lake City on the SR-201 Design-Build Project were nationally recognized by the American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA). Lochner was awarded ARTBA's 2007 PRIDE Award, which annually recognizes the extraordinary efforts of individuals, companies, public agencies, and industry-related associates that serve to enhance the image of the U.S. transportation construction industry.

The SR-201 freeway runs through one of Salt Lake County's most commercialized areas and is a vital link for commuters and local businesses. Lochner's community relations efforts during the reconstruction of this major corridor were grounded on two main ideals. One was keeping a flexible approach based on public feedback. The other was mak-



Lochner earns a ARTBA award for the design of SR-201 in Utah.

ing it easy for the public to communicate and share ideas, comments, and concerns with the project team. Through a variety of outreach efforts, Lochner successfully created

an atmosphere of camaraderie and trust between affected stakeholders and the project team and maintained a positive image for the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT). Lochner's community relations efforts included:

- Extensive coordination with business stakeholders including door-to-door visits
- Commuter outreach through weekly construction email updates, roadside VMS signs, project hotline with the latest construction activities and capability for callers to leave voice messages for the project team, and highway advisory radio announcements
- Incentive program, administered by a Community Coordination Committee, to rate maintenance of traffic and public involvement efforts on a quarterly basis
- Pre-, mid-, and post-construction surveys
- Coordination with local publications to provide discounted advertising space to affected businesses and publish news articles to update readers on the project's progress

Design for the project began in May of 2004 and the project was fully constructed by August 2006.

Washington Group International Awarded \$310 Million Copper Mining Contract

Washington Group International of Boise announced that it has been selected by BHP Copper Inc., an indirect fully-owned subsidiary of BHP Billiton Ltd., to restart copper mining operations at the Pinto Valley Mine near Globe, Ariz., approximately 80 miles east of Phoenix.

Under a five-year, \$310 million, cost-reimbursable contract, Washington Group will provide contract mining services including the supply of mining equipment; drilling, blasting, loading, and hauling of ore and waste; mining of approximately 33 million tons per year; and maintenance of equipment and facilities. Procurement and mobilization activities are under way, and mining is expected to begin in June 2007.

"We are very pleased that BHP Copper Inc. has awarded us this contract. We look forward to supporting BHP Copper in bringing Pinto Valley back into production and significantly advancing our business interests in the region," said Robert Zaist, president of Washington Group's Mining Business Unit, headquartered in Denver.

Mountain States Fence Earns Award

Mountain States Fence of Salt Lake City was recently awarded the 2006 Outstanding Jerith Dealer Award, given to 80 dealers in North America out of more than 1,500 Jerith dealers. Jerith Manufacturing Company of Philadelphia is the oldest and largest manufacturer of ornamental aluminum fencing in the U.S.

Mountain States Fence has served the Western U.S. since 1963, with product installed in cities such as Phoenix and Idaho Falls, Idaho. In Utah, the company has provided fencing services for projects like Olympic Legacy Plaza at Rice-Eccles Stadium and the Coral Canyon development in St. George, Utah.

Hanson Acquires Eagle Precast

Strengthening its Western United States precast presence, Hanson Structural Precast of Dallas, a division of Hanson Building Products North America, announced May 1 the purchase of Cheyenne Concrete Company >>

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with its subsidiaries Eagle Precast Company and Alpine Crane & Rigging. Eagle Precast is a Salt Lake City-based manufacturer of precast/prestressed concrete structural and architectural building components. The acquisition includes two facilities in Salt Lake City and Caldwell, Idaho. Alpine Crane and Rigging provides crane services for Eagle Precast and other companies in the Salt Lake City area.

"Eagle Precast is the premier architectural concrete products manufacturer in the entire Intermountain West region," said Richard Manning, president of Hanson Building Products North America. "Its products have earned certification in all of the Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute's product categories, a distinction few precast operations in the U.S. can claim. This acquisition is a testament to the importance of the architectural and structural precast segments of the growing precast market."

Eagle's product line includes an array of architectural and structural precast products. Architectural products include precast spandrels and column covers, glass fiber reinforced concrete products, and custom made sections used for commercial and institutional projects. Structural products include hollow-core plank and walls, bridge girders, double tees, wall sections, pilings, bleacher seats and riser sections, columns, beams and other components used throughout the construction industry.

"The acquisition of Eagle Precast provides Hanson with a key architectural/structural precast company in the fast growing Intermountain West," said Ed Wopschall, president of Hanson Structural Precast. "Hanson's expertise will allow the Eagle facilities to expand upon the growing interest for architectural and structural products throughout this area."

R&O Earns National ABC Safety Merit Award

R&O Construction of Ogden, Utah was notified recently that the firm is the winner of the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) National Safety Excellence Merit Award. The award will be presented June 12, 2007 at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C. The U.S. Secretary of Commerce, Carlos M. Gutierrez will be a special guest at the awards ceremony. R&O's safety director, Cesar Calvillo, will accept the award for R&O.

The ABC National Safety Award recognizes companies whose safety performance and programs are exemplary. Awards are based on data submitted and interviews with companies' safety directors and owners. Award categories are based on total work-hours in a calendar year and standard industrial codes. <<

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