

Associated General Contractors of Utah 2003 Award Recipients

On Friday, Jan. 23 the Associated General Contractors of Utah held their annual awards breakfast to recognize excellence in construction and those who work in the construction industry. This year 14 projects, eight individuals and five companies, and one owner were recognized for their outstanding work and contributions to the industry.

2003 Winners

Building – Project of the Year

Dixie Regional Medical Center – St. George, UT – Okland Construction

Built by Okland Construction, the new Dixie Regional Medical Center is the largest construction project in the history of Washington County. Stretching southbound on this 61-acre site, the entire new Dixie Regional Medical Center will offer advanced emergency/trauma services as well as a Heart and Lung Center where operations on these organs will be performed, including open-heart surgery. Possible expansion of the medical center is possible as the population of St. George and Washington County continues to grow.

Licensed for 137 beds the 350,000 square-foot hospital will employ a staff of over 350 workers.

Features of the facility include 108 patient rooms, a routine diagnostic center, an imagery unit that will host two CAT scans and one MRI, a 24-bed intensive care unit, 30-bed emergency department, and 8 operating rooms, a newborn intensive care facility, administrative offices, chapel, dining area and landscaped courtyards. Adjacent to the facility is a medical office building providing office space for 35 to 50 doctors.

Contractor:	Okland Construction
Owner:	Intermountain Health Care
Architect:	Anshen+Allen
Project Manager:	Steve Jacobsen
Superintendent:	Lynn Swensen

0 – 5 Million Building

Cedar City “Library in the Park” – Blackburn and Associates

At approximately 26,000 square feet, the library offers a new Special Collections room, a technology center, a large meeting room and a classroom space for promoting English as a second language program.

Additionally, the libraries exterior courts and terraces have been provided to promote interaction with the City Park.

Contractor:	Blackburn and Associates
Owner:	Cedar City Corporation
Architect:	Gould Evans Associates

0 – 5 Million Building – Restoration

The McGillis School – Eckman & Mitchell Construction LLC

Un-reinforced masonry walls needed seismic upgrades. A center core method was chosen as the most economical and least disruptive system allowing existing walls to remain intact.

Another focus was maintaining the exterior's originality while replacing the single pane wood windows with insulated windows.

As with the exterior of the building there was a goal to maintain the integrity of the interior as well. Restoration work was done on original wood finishes, doors, trim work, and floors.

Contractor: Eckman & Mitchell Construction LLC
Owner: The McGillis School
Architect: GA Architects LC

0 – 5 Million Building – Industrial

Helper Cooling Tower – Weyher Construction Company

The Helper Cooling Tower was constructed for Intermountain Power Service Corporation in Delta, Utah. The purpose of the structure is to increase cooling capacity to enhance the efficiency of power production.

The project consisted of site excavation; forming; placing and finishing concrete basins and flumes; erection of 250'x50'41' high fiberglass cooling tower; construction of an electrical building; underground duct banks; installation of 1,500 lf of 60" mortar lined steel pipe tied into existing 78" pipe with depths in excess of 20-feet. The concrete water basin under the cooling tower has a capacity of 575,000 gallons and has over 1,500 cubic yards of concrete.

Contractor: Weyher Construction Company
Owner: Intermountain Power Service Corporation
Engineer: CEntry

5- 25 Million Building – Public School Project

Forbes Elementary School – Hughes General Contractors

Contractor: Hughes General Contractors
Owner: Alpine School District
Architect: Sandstrom Associates Architecture

Forbes Elementary School is a functional, modern, and more energy efficient 62,400 sf structure, with added natural lighting in classrooms and media center, increased corridor widths, and easier student/parent accessibility.

Key Highlights include:

- Abundance of natural daylight through large translucent skylight roof panes
- Atlas brick masonry for low maintenance, durability, and color selection
- Exposed custom steel trusses in media center with surrounding windows and barreled vaulted translucent skylight roof panels.

25 + Million Building – Public School Project
Murray High School – Hogan & Associates Construction

Murray High School is features a mixture of materials both indoors and out. The construction challenges included preparing a site while keeping the existing building open. In many cases the new building was as close as 15 feet to the old structure. The new building pad required the current utilities to be moved yet kept active.

In addition, this same area of the site also included 318 Geothermal wells drilled 300' deep. One of the first large scale uses of Ground source heat in the Northern part of the state, the system provides cooling and heating by circulating water through the wells using the moderate earth temperatures to store and retrieve energy. The mechanical room for the school is a third the size it would normally be for a 250,000 SF school.

Contractor: Hogan & Associates Construction
Owner: Murray School District
Architect: Naylor Wentworth Lund Architects

25 + Million Building – Public Building Project
DFCM Four Classroom Buildings – Jacobsen Construction Company

Awarding this project to a single constructor-lead, design-build team marked a first with the State of Utah. It required building four separate buildings on as many campuses and though each final building is different, the design/build team identified similarities in the buildings for each campus. These similarities were used to create a central spine around which all services such as classrooms, audio/visual, lecture halls, labs and office functions are located, saving the State money through the process.

The four buildings were completed in July 2003 -- a full month ahead of schedule. The colleges got about 22 percent more space than they thought they could afford. The buildings cost about \$40 less per square foot than historical campus construction.

Contractor: Jacobsen Construction Company, Inc.
Owner: State of Utah – Division of Facilities Construction & Management
Architect: MHTN Architects

0 – 5 Million Highway
Little Cottonwood Canyon, Alta Bypass Road – Ralph L. Wadsworth Const.

The bridge is located near the Town of Alta, which has a very short construction season, and is spanning a very environmentally sensitive area. This project consisted of removing and replacing a single span wood construction bridge with a new, larger steel structure. In order to complete this project, it was necessary to relocate multiple utilities without service loss to customers, while protecting the environment and conserving the watershed.

Contractor: Ralph L. Wadsworth Construction
Owner: Utah Department of Transportation
Engineer: Brandon Squire
Project Manager: Ty Wadsworth
Superintendent: William Johnson

5 – 20 Million Highway

Flagstaff Phase I – Geary Construction, Inc.

In the spring of 2002, Geary Construction was retained to construct the Flagstaff Mountain Resort. A development consisting of over 1600 acres on Flagstaff Mountain at Deer Valley Ski Resort, in which all but 250 acres are preserved as open space. There were many challenges facing the construction of the resort, at an elevation of 8000' the construction season is extremely short.

Flagstaff Mountain Resort consists of 1.7 miles of road, two skier access bridges, 8300' of sanitary sewer main, 11655' of water main, 10450' of storm sewer and a 1 million gallon water storage tank. The completion of the initial phase of Flagstaff Mountain Resort provides infrastructure for the building of 450 family units at one of the nation's premier ski resorts.

Contractor: Geary Construction, Inc.
Owner: United Park City Mines
Engineer: Alliance Engineering, Inc.
Superintendent: Kent Fawcett
Project Manager: Wayne Judd

20 + Million Highway

Medical Center Light Rail Transit Line – SLC Rail Constructors

Geneva Rock partnered with Stacey & Witbeck and Flat Iron Structures to form the joint venture company "SLC Rail Constructors". SLC Rail Constructors contracted with UTA for **\$45,000,000.00** and worked extensively with the other stake holders - University of Utah and UDOT to complete the project in September of 2003; seven months ahead of schedule.

The Medical Center Line extends approximately 1.5 miles starting from the University Line's "Stadium Station" and runs through South Campus Drive, Wasatch Drive, and ending on Medical Drive adjacent to Primary Children's Hospital. In addition to building the tracks, the project included roadway widening and reconstruction, utilities, an underground pedestrian tunnel, retaining walls, a roundabout, and three train stations.

Contractor: **SLC Rail Constructors**
- Stacey and Witbeck, Inc.
- Flatiron Structures Company
- Geneva Rock Products, Inc.
Owner: Utah Transit Authority
Project Manager: John Zehner_

Heavy – Project of the Year – Highway/Municipal Utilities Division

Olmsted Flowline Replacement/Rehabilitation Project – W.W. Clyde

The Olmsted Flowline was originally constructed in 1952 as an eight-foot, six-inch pipeline replacing the existing wooden flume. The Flowline has consistently delivered water from the Provo River Drainage to parts of Utah and Salt Lake County for 50 years. In an effort to reduce the maintenance, security, and productivity for the Flowline, the Olmsted Flowline Replacement/Rehabilitation Project was conceived.

Construction began in October of 2001, and the majority of the work took place between the months of October and March for the next three years. Challenges such as extreme winter conditions, limited access and work areas, and a compressed schedule added to the challenge of completing this project according to schedule.

Contractor: W.W. Clyde
Project Manager: Clark Prothero
Project Superintendent: Allan Scheib
Project Engineer: Dustin Olson

Owner: Central Utah Water Conservancy District
Engineer: CH2M Hill
Construction Manager: United States Bureau of Reclamation

Outstanding Engineer of the Year
Mont Wilson – Granite Construction

Mont Wilson started his career in 1962 with the Utah Department of Transportation after graduating from Brigham Young University. Mont started as a Resident Engineer and then moved on to Construction Management Engineer. During his career at UDOT he spent two years in Viet Nam when his Army Reserve Unit was activated. Mont spent 27 years serving and reached the rank of Major.

Following his career at UDOT, Mont spent nine years at J.B. Parson Construction Company and then seven years at Staker Paving biding and building millions of dollars of new construction annually. He also played an integral part in the development of computerized estimating systems. Mont has been with Gibbons and Reed and then Granite Construction Company since 1989.

Utility Project of the Year
24” High Pressure Replacement of Feederline 26 – Enoch Smith Sons Company

Project description: Isolate and remove 9500 ft of 18 inch High Pressure Gas line form the streets of Spanish Fork starting at 1200 South and 1100 East going North on 1100 East to approximately 200 North. Due to congestion of working on city streets all driveways and road crossings were plated to keep traffic moving, trenches were backfilled every evening and a night watchman was hired to keep small children safe around the construction area. Some locations required the removal and replacement of fences, lawn, shrubs, and trees. A 200-foot bore was made under State Hwy 6.

Contractor: Enoch Smith Sons Company
Owner: Questar Gas
Location: Spanish Fork, Utah
Superintendent: Darrel G. Barney
Foreman: Jerry Peck

Individual Awards

Outstanding Architect of the Year
Naylor Wentworth Lund Architects

Originally founded as Roy Richards Silver Architects in 1952, the firm grew and with the addition of Kenneth Naylor as a Principal in the 1970's the name changed to Silver, Naylor and Associates, Inc. Ross Wentworth joined the firm in 1991 as a Principal and the firm became Naylor Wentworth Architects, PC. Christopher Lund joined the firm in 1995 and was promoted to Principal in December of 2001. The firm name changed to Naylor Wentworth Lund Architects, PC.

Owner of the Year
Alpine School District

Building – Superintendent of the Year

Jerry Campbell – Jacobsen Construction Company, Inc.

Jerry began as a carpenter apprentice in 1956. By 1965, he had joined Cannon Construction Company as a carpenter -- beginning a 21-year run of broad training and significantly growing responsibility.

After joining Jacobsen Construction in 1986, Jerry began his rise to the top superintendent spot he now occupies. Under his leadership, Jacobsen has posted nine Concrete Excellence awards from the American Institute of Concrete in the last seven years.

Utility – Superintendent of the Year

Darrel G. Barney – Enoch Smith Sons Company

Darrell began working for Enoch Smith Sons Company in 1953, fueling trucks and working in the shop after school, Saturdays and during the summer. Enoch promised Darrel that he would always have a job if he stayed in school and graduated from College.

When Darrel graduated with a degree in Physical Education from the University of Utah, he made the decision to stay and work in the construction industry. Darrell worked for Enoch as a laborer, mechanic, truck driver, operator, foreman and for the past 30 years as superintendent/estimator.

Darrell retired in August of 2003 after 50 years of dedicated service to Enoch Smith Sons Company. He was a part of our family and a great asset to the team of fine employees and Enoch Smith Sons.

Building – Specialty Contractor of the Year

ESCO Mechanical

ESCO Mechanical started business in 1977 and is currently licensed in Utah, Wyoming, Arizona, California and Idaho.

Highway – Specialty Contractor of the Year

Staker & Parson Companies

Staker & Parson Companies was formed in 2001 when Staker Paving and Construction Company and Jack B. Parson Companies became partners. The alliance resulted in an organization with over eighty years of collective experience.

Jack B. Parson Companies is Utah's largest ready mix concrete supplier and is the applicant for the NRMCA Environmental Excellence Award.

Utility – Specialty Contractor of the Year
Newman Construction Inc.

Newman Construction Co. has been in business for 64 years. The business got its start with William P. Newman in 1932. In 1974, William Jeff Newman took over the business after working with William for several years.

William Mark Newman joined in 1980 and has recently taken over the company, following in his grandfather and father's footsteps.

In 1998, Stuart Davis teamed up with Jeff and Mark Newman to complete the current team.

Newman Construction services include: dredging, horizontal drilling, water and irrigation lines, excavation, residential homes, commercial buildings, concrete, and asphalt.

Specialty Contractor – Project of the Year
Malt O Meal Project – Greene Concrete Cutting

The difficulty of the Malt-O-Meal project for Greene Concrete Cutting was in the interior finishes of the building. All the floors and walls were painted which made demolition time consuming and technical.

Most the openings were for ductwork and piping. Openings of 2 inch holes to 7 ft by 8 ft duct openings were cut and lifted out with forklifts or cranes. Some openings because of location needed to be hand lowered using block and tackle.

The length of the job was a factor also. Greene Concrete Cutting is a service company and is used to jobs lasting only a few hours to a few days. Greene Concrete Cutting was on the project for a total of eight months.

Supplier/Service Provider of the Year
Koch Performance Asphalt Co.

Koch Performance Asphalt Co. has the capabilities of a large organization, but they are also a local company. Their people give their individual attention to find solutions for local problems on the streets and highways in and around their communities.

Salesperson of the Year
William D. Goble – Komatsu Equipment

A native of Nephi, Utah, **William** began working as a salesman for Rocky Mountain Machinery in 1975. Now known as Komatsu Equipment, and he has been there ever since.

Bill has also exceeded his projected sales this year by 327 percent. Bill is respected by his customers and fellow employees for his integrity and knowledge of equipment.

Bill has been a good friend and sales rep for many AGC members throughout the years.

Rookie of the Year

Karyn Salerno – Concrete Products Company

A native of Utah, Karyn moved back to the Salt Lake City area after spending time in Arizona where she worked for PG&E.

Once back in Utah, Karyn worked for Reynolds Aluminum as a project manager and then for Garff Construction in the areas of safety and business development.

She is currently employed by Construction Products Company as a sales representative. It was during her time at Garff that she became involved with the AGC. She has been on various committees in the Utah AGC chapter and also on the safety committee at the national level.

Council Chairperson of the Year

Douglas C. Welling – Builders Council

Doug Welling has served as Chairman of the AGC Builders in 2003. Under his direction, he enlisted the support and participation of many members to complete a time-intensive review process of Value Based Selection driven by the Division of Facilities, Construction & Management (DFCM).

Service to the Industry

J. Allen Kimball – Kimball Equipment Co.

Allen began full time employment at Kimball Equipment Company in 1958 where he has worked since with a brief period away in the mid 1960's when he started and ran his own company called, Hydraulic Equipment Company. In the late 60's he merged that company with Kimball Equipment Company and returned to work there, handling design and application engineering.

There are still plants he designed in operation in Utah and Idaho to this day. Allen became president of Kimball Equipment Company in 1989 and serves now as Chairman of the Board.

Allen still keeps in contact with customers and has many long-time friendships in the industry. Those who know him appreciate his integrity, his knowledge and judgment, and his genuine concern for others.

***** Eric W. Ryberg Award Winner 2004 *****

S. Val Staker

Val has been involved in the construction industry and the A.G.C. for the past 40 years, and has served on numerous A.G.C. committees, giving freely of his time and assets.

His interests not only lie in building a quality company, they also encompass the construction industry, he is a champion of change, partnering, communication, improvements in technology and quality for the goods and services the industry provides. He has been instrumental in nurturing and developing the outstanding relationship A.G.C. now enjoys with U.D.O.T.

Val has not only given of his time to pursue interests of the entire contracting community in behalf of the A.G.C., he has committed company assets and encouraged and supported fellow employees involvement to serve on numerous A.G.C. committees and functions through out his career.

He has built Staker Paving & Construction on the principles of skill, integrity, responsibility and quality, and has insisted these virtues be followed in all company dealings.

He is not only a valuable asset to his company but to the contracting community as well.