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Consolidated Construction wins national award

Village at Bay Park named top ABC project in its class

APPLETON (June 13, 2007) — Consolidated Construction Co., Inc. has received an Eagle Award in the Associated Builders and Contractors Inc.'s 2006 National Excellence in Construction competition for its work on The Village at Bay Park in Ashwaubenon.

Consolidated Construction president Rick Bickert and project manager Pam Talavera received the honor at the ceremony for the 2006 Excellence in Construction and National Safety Excellence Awards held last night in Washington, D.C. The 17th annual event honored the nation's most outstanding construction projects of the past year as well as those companies with exemplary safety records.

The Village at Bay Park won top honors in the pre-engineered, \$2 Million - \$99 Million building category. This is Consolidated Construction's first-ever Eagle Award, and the sole Wisconsin project honored at the event.

The Village at Bay Park is owned by AIG Baker Shopping Center Properties LLC and consists of five buildings located around a new JCPenney store. The complex was completed in 2005.

"It's an honor to receive the Eagle Award for The Village at Bay Park. It was a unique project and required us to think and do things a little differently," Bickert said. "When AIG approached us to help them construct the project, they had already received initial bids that were significantly over budget. They were looking for new ideas that would help solve the budget dilemma, but they were also unwilling to compromise the look, feel, and quality of the original design."

Consolidated Construction's team value engineered the building to pare over 15% off the \$5.9

million project by utilizing pre-engineered building materials and redesigning frame, mechanical, and cosmetic elements.

Although the 90,000-square-foot Village at Bay Park and adjacent JC Penney projects involved multiple contractors and subcontractors, the project was completed on time, and new tenants were even allowed to move in early, Talavera said. Last minute changes to the JC Penney building required quick modifications to the Village at Bay Park buildings, and scheduling of crews and shipments was held to a tight schedule.

“Extraordinary teamwork allowed us to complete this project on time,” she said. “We worked hard to value-engineer parts of the project – such as using the pre-engineered steel buildings -- to make sure it met the developer’s budget.”

Rich Wingo, a former Green Bay Packer and president of AIG Baker, praised Consolidated Construction for the work done at The Village at Bay Park.

“Consolidated Construction’s value-engineering reduced our project costs by more than \$725,000. Their hard work and diligence made this project a reality,” he said.

This is the second award Consolidated Construction has won for The Village at Bay Park. The same project also won a Wisconsin ABC chapter award. ABC of Wisconsin chapter vice-president John Mielke and board members also attended the national event in support of the project.

Headquartered in Appleton, Consolidated Construction Co. specializes in design-build construction, general contracting and construction management for commercial, retail, hospitality, medical, manufacturing and industrial clients. For more information, visit www.consolidated-const.com.

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) is a national association representing more than 24,000 merit shop construction and construction-related firms in 78 chapters across the United States. ABC's membership represents all specialties within the U.S. construction industry and is comprised primarily of firms that perform work in the industrial and commercial sectors of the industry.

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