

CONSTRUCTION VIEWS

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Awards of Excellence



MCA's Annual Awards of Excellence Gala celebrates outstanding construction projects and the teams that make it all happen. With an anticipated crowd of more than 100 construction professionals, it is a networking and celebratory event you don't want to miss.

Seating is limited and reservations are required if you plan to attend the Gala on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 from 6:00-9:00 PM at the Minneapolis Golf Club. You may reserve a table for 8 persons for \$680 or a half-table for 4 persons for \$340 (members or non-members). Individual reservations are \$85 for MCA members or \$95 for non-members. **Registration deadline is January 13, 2016.** All attendees must register in advance; onsite registration will not be available for this event.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Nick Reynolds, Rochon Corporation

I would like to wish each and every one of you a happy and prosperous New Year! Based on recent conversations with many MCA members, it sounds like 2016 is going to be another great year for the Minnesota construction industry. If I haven't talked to you recently, please reach out to me so I can better help serve you as the new MCA President. Thank you for allowing me to serve you and be part of an organization that fosters business relationships and friendships as we develop our individual potential and the potential of the companies we represent.

As we approach the beginning of the New Year and you embrace the challenges that 2016 will bring you, please take advantage of what the MCA can offer. Throughout the year, the MCA provides many learning events that foster education and professional development. We schedule social gatherings that promote networking and collaboration between industry peers and businesses. And lastly, MCA provides recognition through the awards gala, the annual soiree and various sponsorship opportunities.

Something new this year is the growth of MCA's Student Outreach committee into a new entity called Construct*ium. What is Construct*ium? It is a new non-profit, sponsored by the MCA working in collaboration with nine regional colleges and universities in Construction Management. The goal of Construct*ium is to teach the soft skills that are much needed by construction industry professional with the vision of collaboration, course-share, competitions and careers. We are providing professional development to students to better prepare them for working in our industry. Construct*ium will be looking to the construction industry for support through mentorships and scholarship funds as part of the collaboration. Learn more at www.constructium.org!

The MCA board and I look forward to a productive year and invite each of you to become more involved by participating in programs and attending events. I'm excited to see everyone and recognize all the outstanding work from 2015 at the 2016 Annual Awards Gala Event on January 27th!

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Awards of Excellence Dinner
& Gala

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MCA Co-hosts Session at AIA MN Conference

The Minnesota Construction Association (MCA) an annual participant at the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Convention and Exposition was pleased to be selected as presenter for the AIA Minnesota 81st Annual Conference.

The diversity of MCA and the members who belong led us to a theme of Collaboration—Accessing Project Excellence. Working with Nick Ruehl, AIA, President of Ruehl and Associates, a leadership and strategic specialist with 40 years of AEC experience, (and MCA’s Facilitator in Strategic Planning), we put a panel of top notch presenters to spread the theme of Collaboration. The learning objectives included: 1) Describing the importance of collaboration in the design/construction process, 2) How collaboration was utilized to improve the design process, 3) How collaboration improved constructability of major projects, and 4) How collaboration tools were used to enhance project communication.

A panel of four esteemed professionals were contacted including Gregg Johnson, Past President of MCA and Senior Project Manager with Hammes Company Sports Development, who acts as the owner’s representative for the new U.S. Bank Stadium. Mr. Chad Rettke, Current President of MCA, who acts as the Senior Project Manager for Kraus-Anderson Construction Companies, K-12 Division. Rachael Riopel, AIA, the Digital Practice Director of HDR-Architects/Engineers working with Directors of Design, Quality and Operations and The Practice Innovation Core Team and project delivery initiatives, and Mr. John Wacker, P.E., Structural Engineer with H.G.A. Architects and Engineers who specializes in design of corporate, arts, education and health care facilities. All four panelists discussed the challenges of various projects and how solutions were put together with their teams as projects were kept on time and feedback was given by all stakeholders. It was very interesting to hear that checking your ego at the door, and to collaborate with all that sat at the table. Mr. Nick Ruehl, the moderator, recapped what was heard from the panelists and then fielded questions from the audience. End result was that true collaboration saved the day!



MCA Members Enjoy Networking at the Second Annual Soiree!

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KNUTSON CONSTRUCTION

Wins 2016 MCA Choice Award!

The Minnesota Construction Association (MCA) would like to announce the recipient of the 2016 Choice Award. Knutson Construction, a Minneapolis based firm, is the award winner for Target Field Station in Minneapolis.

Target Field Station is a new, state-of-the-art multi-modal transportation hub and community gathering space in downtown Minneapolis. Located adjacent to Target Field, the transportation hub provides a gateway with a robust streetscape connecting the North Loop neighborhood to the historic Warehouse District. The project brings together transit and urban culture into a one-of-a-kind transit station that enhances commuters' experience and promotes stronger neighborhoods. At the doorstep of Target Field, many consider it the new "Grand Central Station" for Minneapolis.

Target Field Station is a bustling urban park, transit station, and neighborhood gathering space. It connects more than 500 trains arriving and departing daily via METRO Blue Line (Hiawatha) Light Rail, METRO Green Line (Central Corridor LRT), and Northstar Commuter Rail. This destination connects communities by linking the region's growing commuter and LRT network, as well as miles of new bike and walking trails. Near Target Field Station, visitors can access daily bus operations that connect the Twin Cities metropolitan area. Target Field Station is a project of Hennepin County, the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority, and the Hennepin County Housing and Re-development Authority. A mix of federal, state and local sources funded the project. Local government funded more than half of the project.

The award, along with many others, will be presented at the 2016 MCA Awards of Excellence Gala on Wednesday, January 27th at 6 PM at the Minneapolis Golf Club.

Please visit www.mnconstruction.org/events/awards/ for event details and registration information.



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Visit www.constructium.org/ to learn more about Construct*ium today!



“It's great when we collaborate!”

Brett Grendahl presenting Construct*ium's calendar feature. Also pictured: Teresa Hall, Scott Seltveit, Heather Gay, Gregg Johnson, Megan Seltz, Mohamed Diab and Ken Bertolini



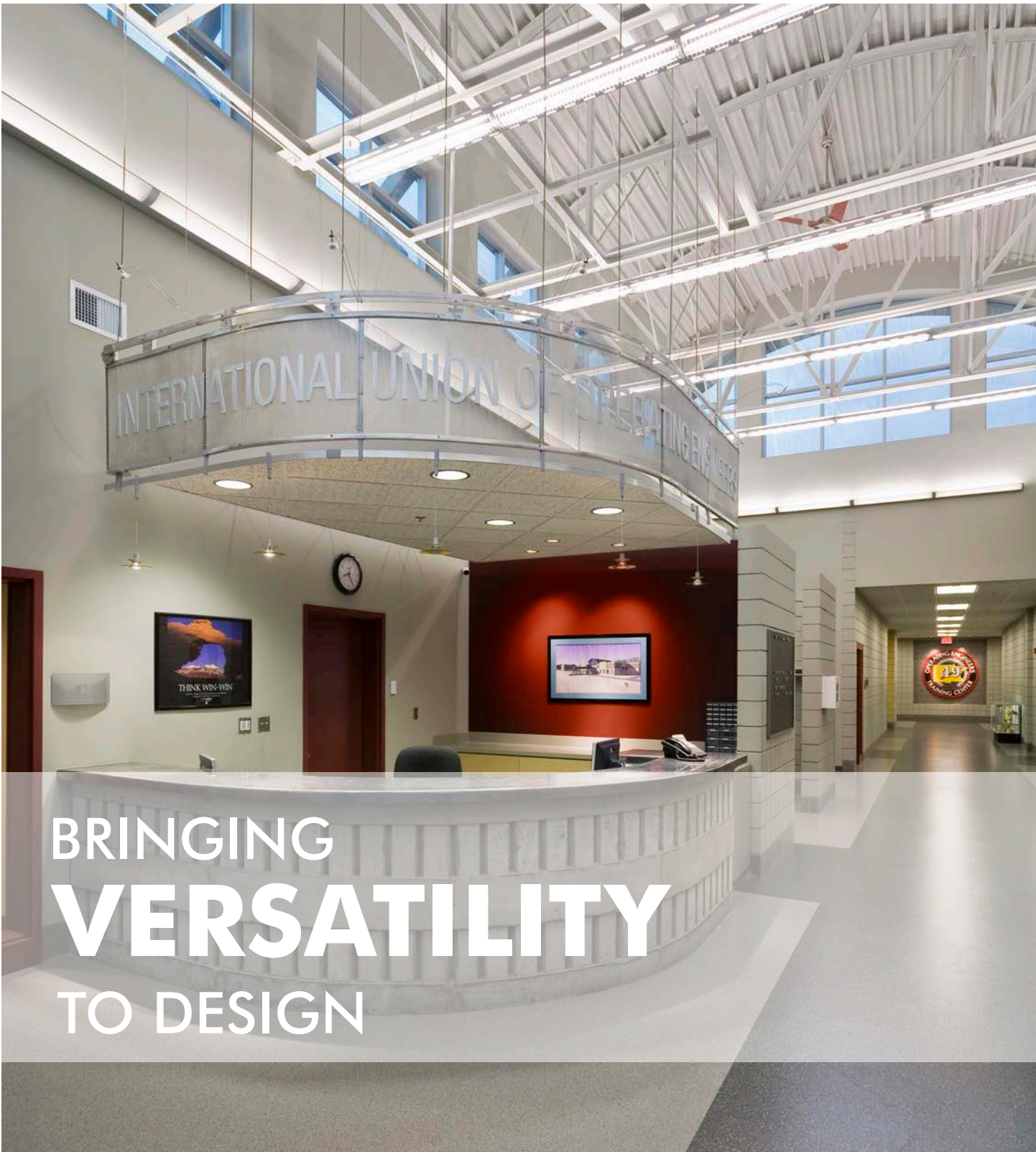
Brett Grendahl (Grendahl Mechanical), Website Developer for Construct*ium, presenting the new website for Construct*ium to the professors. Also pictured: Heather Gay (Dunwoody)



Row 1: Staci Gardiner (Rauenhorst Recruiting Company), Heather Gay (Dunwoody), Megan Seltz (University of Minnesota), John Killingsworth (UW-Stout) and Chuck Rauenhorst (Rauenhorst Recruiting Company)

Row 2: Gregg Johnson (Hammes Company), Ken Bertolini (SDSU), Teresa Keys Hall (SDSU), Scott Seltveit (MSU-Moorhead) and Mohamed Diab (MSU-Mankato)

Row 3: Brett Grendahl (Grendahl Mechanical) and Peter Hilger (University of Minnesota)



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Member to Member

DORAN CONSTRUCTION

announced that they have completed Alatus's Latitude 45 luxury apartment building ahead of schedule and under budget.

Located at 301 Washington Avenue South in Minneapolis, the 13-story post-tension concrete hi-rise structure contains 319 Apartment residences and 10,000 square feet of ground floor retail.

Latitude 45 is one of three major Minneapolis eastside projects for which Doran Construction is the General Contractor. The others are The Encore, a Sherman & Associates development of a 12-story, 122 unit luxury apartment project with three levels of underground parking at 935 Second Street South; and a renovation of The Depot Renaissance Hotel that includes the demolition of a water park that will make room for an additional 110 guest rooms, a fitness center and indoor pool. The project also includes adding a floor—making it a total of six floors and 314 rooms.

Doran Construction founder and Principal Kelly Doran said the three projects are a part of over \$190 million in new construction the company is building in 2015.

Among those projects is Doran Companies' 610 West project—a 480 unit luxury apartment community located one block east of Target's Corporate Campus on Oak Grove Parkway in Brooklyn Park. The project is owned by Doran Companies and will be developed in two phases. The current construction contract includes 287 of the 480 unit project and a 23,000 square foot high end amenity clubhouse.

Noting that over the past five years Doran Construction's residential unit has built, or has under construction, 20 multi-family projects in Minnesota and North Dakota with over 3500

apartment units and a value of over a half billion dollars, Doran commented that "this extensive experience has helped his company achieve a reputation as one of the most experienced multi-family builders in this market." ♦



KRAUS-ANDERSON has hired **LESLIE GREVES** as vice president of human resources. A licensed attorney and

senior-level management executive, she will oversee human resources for Kraus-Anderson Construction and will provide HR assistance to all Kraus-Anderson companies.

Greves comes to KA having held a variety of leadership positions across multiple HR disciplines. In her new role, she will help position KA for future growth by evolving its talent strategy and HR programs.

For 14 years, Greves has held senior HR management roles for Target Corporation and Marshall Field's where she served as a human resources, employee relations, compensation and benefits executive. Most recently, she served as a senior group manager within compensation and benefits. Greves was instrumental in building benefits engagement and compliance programs, enhancing compensation and benefits programs internationally, as well as leading enterprise compensation and global mobility teams.

"Leslie is an accomplished and innovative leader with a proven record of talent and performance management, business strategy and program development," said Al Gerhardt, COO of Kraus-Anderson Construction. "She

will provide valuable perspective as we position our company for the future."

Kraus-Anderson is broadening its HR department and capabilities. In addition to Greves, the company recently hired Timothy Mayer as the talent acquisition director, who is creating and leading Kraus-Anderson's end-to-end recruiting and hiring program.

Greves earned her B.A. in Communications from the University of North Dakota and J.D. from Hamline University School of Law. Greves has served as a volunteer for Park Nicollet Health Services, Melrose Center and MacPhail Center for Music. ♦



KRAUS-ANDERSON today announced that it has formed Kraus-Anderson Development Company, a new collaboration

between KA Realty and KA Construction. KA Development is an integrated approach to address growing demand for commercial real estate services, including site selection, acquisition, financing, management and leasing.

"KA Development is a strategic move that will greatly intensify the cohesion and synergy among our realty and construction teams, which have been steadily responding to the market's expanding and dynamic commercial real estate activity," said Korsh, who has been named president of KA Development. "By creating a new entity, we can lead the charge on more comprehensive initiatives, particularly with the increasing number of large mixed-use developments.

Backed by the overall resources of the

Kraus-Anderson family of companies, KA Development will provide services in a variety of market sectors, including office, medical office building, hospitality, retail and multi-family housing.

The new entity has been formed as Kraus-Anderson prepares to consolidate its own Twin Cities offices and activities under one roof. Plans soon will be finalized to build a new Minneapolis headquarters office and redevelop the company's current downtown block. Korsh is leading that high-profile development.

In addition to increasing the value of Kraus-Anderson's own properties, the KA Realty and KA Construction teams have years of success working in partnership with other businesses, as well as for third-party owners and developers. Some of the highly successful Minnesota collaborations include:

- CityPlace (in partnership with Elion Partners), a mixed-use commercial development in Woodbury;
- 430 Oak Grove luxury apartments in Minneapolis, a historic redevelopment of a building originally constructed by KA in 1924;
- Crossroads at Chanhassen, a mixed-use commercial development in Chanhassen;
- Woodlake medical office center in Woodbury;
- A third-party development for Canterbury Park on its respective property
- Senior housing projects including Deephaven Woods in Deephaven and Engel Haus in Albertville, both third party owner projects.

Korsh is a third-generation member of the Engelsma family, owners of Kraus-Anderson for over 80 years. He has served as KA Realty's director of development since 2000 and was named vice president last year. Other

KA Development principals include Matt Alexander, Doug Jandro and Jack Appert, each bringing years of expertise and successful track records to the new company.

"We are very excited about KA Development, which will add value with our clients and strengthen the company as a whole," said Korsh. "This is another major step in solidifying our already-solid spot in the marketplace and bolstering our success for the future." ♦



AMERICAN ENGINEERING TESTING, INC. announces the addition of Mr. **TODD LEWIS** to the Environmental Department as

a Senior Environmental Scientist. "Mr. Lewis' broad array of experience working on indoor environmental challenges adds a strong dimension to AET's existing capabilities in asbestos and building forensics," says Environmental Department Manager Gregory Beckstrom. "He is an exciting addition to our service-focused team!"

As a senior consultant in the indoor air quality, industrial hygiene, and asbestos consulting world since 1996, Mr. Lewis brings a depth of experience to AET's asbestos, industrial hygiene, and building forensics team. In his position with AET, Mr. Lewis will focus on asbestos, lead, and hazardous material inspections and indoor air quality diagnostics and remediation projects. In addition, he will conduct exposure monitoring and industrial hygiene testing. In a career which, according to Mr. Lewis, is "the closest I can get to being a detective without a badge," he has worked on hundreds of projects that require careful attention to detail and advanced problem solving skills. Some of his past projects include identifying the cause of mysterious "ghost odors" in various business structures and managing and performing assessments

for a large HVAC Hygiene Assessment and Cleaning Management project involving over 35 buildings. He has a B.S. in Environmental Studies from the University of Minnesota.

Combined with his extensive work experience, Mr. Lewis holds many certifications including: Minnesota: Certified Asbestos Inspector, Site Supervisor, Management Planner, Project Designer, and Lead Risk Assessor; Wisconsin: Certified Asbestos Inspector, Supervisor; Illinois: Certified Asbestos Inspector, Project Manager, and Air Sampling Professional; North Dakota and South Dakota; Certified Asbestos Inspector and Supervisor; and Montana: Certified Asbestos Inspector, Supervisor, and Designer. He is also a Construction Document Technologist (CDT). You can reach him at tlewis@amengtest.com ♦



KRAUS-ANDERSON (KA) has hired **THOMAS EMISON** as vice president of strategy and innovation. He

will be responsible for advancing KA's strategic plan and innovation initiatives, as well as positioning its brand, and identifying trends and market opportunities.

The Kraus-Anderson family of companies includes Kraus-Anderson Companies, Inc., Kraus-Anderson Construction, Kraus-Anderson Realty, Kraus-Anderson Insurance, Kraus-Anderson Mortgage, Kraus-Anderson Capital and the recently announced Kraus-Anderson Development.

Emison is regarded nationally as a strategic business planning thought leader in the construction and real estate industry. Most recently he was the director of the construction and real estate consulting practice for Minneapolis-based Eide Bailly LLP. He also served as director of the strategic leadership consulting practice for

Minneapolis-based RSM McGladrey, Inc.

Emison has delivered more than 220 strategic business planning consulting engagements to companies across the U.S., including 25 years of facilitating strategic planning with Kraus-Anderson.

“We’re excited to now have him on board in a full-time capacity in order to fully benefit from his broad perspective and depth of expertise,” said Bruce Engelsma, chairman of Kraus-Anderson Companies. “Tom’s strategic background is further complemented by his strong leadership skills and his deep regard for Kraus-Anderson’s people, culture and values.”

Emison was the editor of Hamline University’s “The Hamline Art and Literature Review,” and also was a contributing writer for several publications, including the Associated General Contractors of America’s “Constructor,” Construction Financial Management Association’s “Building Profits,” and for the Minneapolis Star Tribune. Emison serves on the board of trustees of the Multiple Sclerosis Society Upper Midwest and was the vice chair of the board of the Building Futures Council, a Washington D.C. think tank. He also is a member of the Construction Financial Management Association. ♦

STAHL CONSTRUCTION recently broke ground on a 56,000-square-foot technologically-advanced Performing Arts Center for Providence Academy in Plymouth, Minnesota. The completed Performing Arts Center will be the first all LED performance theater in the Twin Cities.

Designed by Studio 55 Architects, the Performing Arts Center will be constructed over a fifteen-month period using precast concrete with a masonry veneer to match the existing school. Once complete, the three-story building will feature over 600 seats. The main level will feature the auditorium and

lobby, with mezzanine and balcony seating located on the upper level. The lower level will contain a garage, mechanical space, and storage area.

Over the last fifteen years Stahl Construction has partnered with Providence Academy, a private, Roman Catholic, college-preparatory K-12 school, on multiple projects including a 30,000-square-foot addition providing new classrooms and chemistry labs; and a 98,000-square-foot addition providing new classrooms, gymnasium, and upgraded kitchen facilities.

Most recently, Stahl Construction helped with the completion of a running track, synthetic turf football field, stadium bleachers, seven tennis courts, and extensive area site work. An inflatable dome will be installed this fall to enclose the track and field for use during the winter.

A ceremonial groundbreaking took place October 5th at the site of the new Performing Arts Center. The Providence Academy Symphonic band played at the start of the ceremony, Father Vaughn Treco blessed the project, and the Chamber Choir sang as a part of the service. Plymouth Mayor Kelli Slavik, Providence Academy dignitaries, and project team members were on hand for the celebration. Students cheered as the first ceremonial shovels turned the soil and marked the beginning of the construction project. ♦



has hired **JACI BELL** as director of development. She will be responsible for providing business strategy, project development and program management to the new company. KA Development is an integrated approach to address the market’s expanding and dynamic

commercial real estate activity, including site selection, acquisition, financing, management and leasing.

Bell comes to Kraus-Anderson Development with more than 15 years of experience in the real estate industry focusing on development, planning and design. Most recently, she served as a senior manager within corporate real estate at Target Corporation, where she managed innovation programs, corporate services and facility support. Bell oversaw land development and leasehold acquisition across the US, and also provided development expertise and leadership in the creation and execution of Target’s international expansion.

Bell received her Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Environmental Design from the University of Minnesota. Her work at Target earned Bell numerous awards for project development.

Backed by the overall resources of the Kraus-Anderson family of companies, KA Development will provide services in a variety of market sectors, including large mixed-use developments, as well as office, medical office buildings, hospitality, retail and multi-family housing.

KA Development earlier announced that Mike Korsh will serve as the company’s new president. ♦

RJM CONSTRUCTION, a Minneapolis-based general contractor, has hired healthcare construction specialist **ERIC KOBESKA** as vice president.



In his new role, Kobeska will oversee pre-construction, project management, estimating, schedule

management and the development of team relationships; he will focus on RJM’s continually growing healthcare business, with

a concentration on medical office buildings and renovations.

Kobeska has worked in construction management for 13 years, with a focus on healthcare projects. Most recently, he served as vice president at a local general contractor. He has managed projects such as Noran Neurological Clinic in Lake Elmo, Minn., Eagle Point Medical Building in Lake Elmo, Minn., and Fairview Clinic in Fridley, Minn.

Kobeska holds a bachelor's degree in construction management from the University of Wisconsin, Stout in Menomonie, Wisc. He is a member of the American Society for Healthcare Engineering (ASHE). ♦



AMERICAN ENGINEERING TESTING, INC. (AET) announces the addition of **CYLER HAYES**, Senior Chemist, to the Petrographic

Group. Managing Principal and Vice President Gerard Moulzolf is excited to welcome Mr. Hayes, "He is a boon to our ability to serve clients with considerable knowledge of forensic analysis of coatings, admixtures and adhesives. It is a pleasure to have him as a part of the chemistry team!"

Mr. Hayes joins Bill Rebel, Principal Chemist, in AET's petrographic & chemistry laboratories. With the addition of Mr. Rebel in 2013, AET created a full service forensic laboratory to provide analytical and spectroscopic chemistry services as well as their acclaimed pre-existing petrographic service lab for the construction industry.

Hayes and Rebel have a proven ability to collaborate and systemize analytical processes after successfully working together previously at other organizations. Mr. Hayes, Mr. Rebel, and other members of the AET petrographics team assist clients to identify and investigate raw

components of construction materials including cement, fly ash, chemical admixtures, water, and aggregates. Wet chemistry, X-ray Diffraction (XRD), X-ray Fluorescence (XRF), Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR), and other techniques are used to perform chemical analysis of construction materials such as concrete, mortar, grouts, rapid repair products, and soil cements. The petrographics team also investigates failures of coatings, adhesives, and sealers.

Mr. Hayes brings over 25 years of investigative chemistry experience to the team. As a Six-Sigma Green Belt he is well versed in operational efficiency which he also applies to his work with the following ASTM subcommittees: C09.22, C09.43, C09.44, and C09.62. Mr. Hayes was most recently an integral part of CTL Group in Skokie, IL and is currently in the process of moving his family to the Twin Cities.

You can reach Mr. Hayes at chayes@amengtest.com and Mr. Rebel at rbrebel@amengtest.com. ♦



KRAUS-ANDERSON REALTY COMPANY today announced that it has acquired Shorewood Village Shopping Center, located at Highways 7 and 41 in Shorewood, Minn.

The property, which was purchased from Shorewood Village Shopping Center, LLC for \$8 million, features a number of retailers including True Value Hardware, Dollar Tree, Shorewood Liquor, Shorewood Tobacco, Kathryn Mak Consignment Furniture Gallery, Great Clips, Verizon Wireless, Allstate Insurance, Caribou Coffee, Milios Sandwiches, National Karate, Martinizing, Hairazors, Kay Marie Dance and DeParis Nails.

A 60,000-square-foot Cub Foods also anchors the shopping center but was not part of the sale. The shopping center is currently 90 percent leased.

"Shorewood Village is located in a well-known market with excellent visibility, access and parking," said Mike Korsh, Kraus-Anderson Realty's vice president. "The shopping center, which was built in 1975, is in very good condition. We look forward to owning and managing the property, and working with the tenants."

The sale of the property was represented by Mid-America Real Estate-Minnesota. ♦

STAHL CONSTRUCTION recently began construction of a 148-unit, five-story AC Hotel by Marriott in Bloomington, Minnesota. The 77,810-square-foot select-service hotel features an architecturally compelling, modern design with sleek rooms and expansive public spaces. The hotel will open to the public in winter of 2016 and will be one of the first AC Hotels by Marriott in the region.

This design / build project sits on a four-acre site being developed by South Loop Hospitality with future plans to construct a parking ramp, public plaza, restaurant, and retail space in the spring of 2016 on the remainder of the site.

Located at 8100 26th Ave S. in Bloomington, the hotel is positioned between the expanding Mall of America and the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. The project is designed by the award-winning team at Elness Swenson Graham Architects. Additional team members who have been instrumental in the design and planning phase include civil engineer Loucks Associates, landscape architect The LA Studio, the City of Bloomington, and the Bloomington Port Authority.

A ceremonial groundbreaking took place October 21st at the site of the new hotel. City of Bloomington District

IV Councilmember Jon Oleson, Bloomington Convention & Visitors Bureau President & CEO Bonnie Carlson, and South Loop Hospitality CEO David Peters spoke briefly to celebrate this milestone and highlight the unique and innovative elements of the overall development.

“We are delighted to partner with David Peters on another hospitality project in the City of Bloomington,” said Jessie Houlihan Bingen, President of Stahl Construction. “We are excited to be a part of bringing an entirely fresh product to the market that targets a tech-savvy, world-traveling guest and is a catalyst for the redevelopment of the South Loop area in Bloomington.”

Since 1990 Stahl Construction has completed over fifty hospitality projects including specialty work, renovations, Property Improvement Plans, additions, and new construction. Together these projects represent more than two million square feet and in excess of \$200 million in construction costs. ♦

KRAUS-ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION (KA) has hired



NANCY MARTEL as director of business development. She will oversee KA’s new business development

opportunities and will facilitate relationship development between the company and its target clients, business partners and the greater Twin Cities community.

Martel comes to KA with deep experience and an extensive network of relationships in the commercial real estate, architectural, engineering and construction industries. Most recently she served as director of business development for DLR Group, a global design firm with 25 offices around the world.

Martel holds a BFA in Graphic Design

from New York Institute of Technology, Old Westbury, N.Y.

In addition to Martel, KA has added to its project management staff in the company’s Minneapolis office.



J.B. KENNEDY - Project Manager

Kennedy is an industry veteran who most recently served as senior project manager for the

renewable energy and wind group for MA Mortenson Construction in Minneapolis. He managed projects in a variety of business sectors, including energy/renewables, medical, education and commercial. He received his B.S. in Construction Engineering from Iowa State University, Ames.



ROBBIE PASHINA - Project Superintendent

Pashina has served as a superintendent for Minnesota

contractors for the past 30 years. He has extensive background in the historical, medical, restaurant, office, housing and hospitality construction sectors.



JEFFREY DAHN - Project Superintendent

Dahn has years of experience in equipment management, heavy industrial

construction, road building and demolition oversight. He will be working on road building projects at the MSP International Airport.

LAURA GOODIN also joined the company as project accountant. ♦

AMERICAN ENGINEERING TESTING, INC. (AET) announces



the addition of **Mr. A. REZA SAVABI**, Senior Geotechnical Engineer, to the Geotechnical Division. St Paul geotechnical

department manager, Mr. Gregory Reuter, PE, D.GE, says “Mr. Savabi’s deep and diverse project background will serve our clients with solutions-based insights that we strive to bring to each project. We are excited to add him to our team of trusted engineers!”

Mr. Savabi has over twenty years of experience in geotechnical engineering, which also includes construction materials testing and environmental engineering. In his role as a Senior Geotechnical Engineer, he will be utilizing his vast experience to perform geotechnical engineering on a wide range of projects including commercial, municipal, and government developments.

Mr. Savabi pursued his interest in geology and engineering at Utah State University where he graduated with his Bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering, and his Master’s degree in Civil and Environmental engineering. He has put these interests and degrees to good use. Mr. Savabi has worked on projects that include major levee/dam evaluation and rehabilitation, public transportation, and others involving extensive geotechnical investigation. Along with his experience and education, Mr. Savabi is a licensed professional engineer in Florida, Illinois, Utah, Louisiana, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Minnesota. He is fluent in Spanish and Farsi/Persian which you don’t often find in this part of the country. He has also been a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) for twenty years. You can reach Mr. Savabi at asavabi@amengtest.com. ♦

Following a successful \$98 million bond and operating levy referendum, ISD 728 Elk River Area School District

worked with long-time design partner Wold Architects and Engineers to plan the projects that will address long-term population growth needs in the district. **STAHL CONSTRUCTION** is managing a program of four projects for the ISD 728 Elk River Area School District as their Construction Manager.

“After working with our constituents and earning the support of the ISD 728 public, it’s great to see shovels hitting the ground on some of these very important projects that will, for a fact, shape our District’s future. The Zimmerman Middle / High School classroom space will take our students out of portable rooms and into environments that foster discovery. And the theater will be an asset that will serve not only our students and staff, but the entire Zimmerman community. We’re looking forward to seeing this project take shape, and many more in the months to come, as ISD 728 delivers on its mission to educate, inspire and empower our learners,” said Dr. Mark Bezek, Superintendent of ISD 728 Elk River Area School District.

Over the next two years, Stahl Construction will build auditorium, science lab, and woodshop additions onto Zimmerman Middle / High School; an early childhood addition to Zimmerman Elementary School; multiple gymnasiums and a special education classroom addition and the relocation / remodeling of administration space at Elk River High School; and a brand new E-8 school in Otsego.

“This is a really exciting time to be working with the District. Major projects are happening in all areas of the District including significant additions and renovations for all three High Schools,” said Vaughn Dierks, Partner at Wold Architects and Engineers. “The new E-8 has created lots of great conversations about how education is delivered at Elementary and Middle School levels. Early Childhood spaces are being expanded

in the North and South. After working closely with the District to develop a Master Plan that addresses needs District-wide, it is wonderful to have the community’s support to implement these projects. I really think the community is going to be very happy with the projects once they are done.”

After months of pre-construction planning and design work, construction began on October 14th at Zimmerman Middle / High School. A ceremonial groundbreaking took place November 9th at the site of the future auditorium. The project will be completed by fall of 2016. ♦

The Rochester office of **KRAUS-ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION** (KA) has hired **CHAD PIKE** as project manager.



Prior to joining KA, Pike served as director of operations, facilities and construction services for Sodexo in

Winona, Minn., where he managed multi-services for the company’s new start-up business. Prior to Sodexo, he was the manager of general engineering for United Technologies Corporation in Burnsville, Minn.

Pike earned his BS in Construction Management from the University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie, and his MBA from Augsburg College, Minneapolis. He holds certifications in Lean, LEED Building, 5S and Green Technology methodologies. ♦



EMPIREHOUSE, INC. has promoted **JASON WELD** to the position of Senior Project Manager. Weld is a 2003 graduate

of the University of Kansas with a BA in Architecture, joining the

Empirehouse team in 2006. His most recent project was with Mortenson Construction for the University of Minnesota Microbiology Center on the Minneapolis campus, now nearing completion. Weld will manage the Project Manager Department, the Drafting Department and oversee large projects. ♦



AMERICAN ENGINEERING TESTING, INC. (AET) announces the addition of Dr. **JOHN BEATY** as Historic Preservation

Specialist to the Petrographics and Chemistry Group. Managing Principal and Vice President Gerard Moulzolf is excited about adding Dr. Beaty to the group saying, “We have the unique opportunity and privilege to add Dr. Beaty’s education and masonry experience to our team. With his background and education, we will be able to provide our clients with a wealth of knowledge in historic preservation and provenance, in addition to our forensic findings.”

Dr. Beaty brings a set of capabilities and skills that are new to AET. With his PHD in Historic Preservation and Building Construction from the University of Florida, he is uniquely capable of identifying historic construction techniques, materials, and provenance; as well as preparing and analyzing historic mortar and other masonry samples. In the past, he developed skills with hands-on projects such as plaster restoration for an 1809 church in Nantucket, Massachusetts, stone patching, repair and cleaning of the 1875 Civil War Monument in Savannah, Georgia, and heavy timber frame restoration of a 1850s granary in upstate New York; as well as an understanding of the practical aspects of local historic preservation when working for the City of Saint Paul Heritage Preservation Commission.

Dr. Beaty joined the Petrographics department and immediately started putting his problem solving skills to work on major projects, including evaluation of stains on the brownstone exterior of the James J. Hill House in Saint Paul. His education and past work experience as a restoration plasterer and mason has played a huge role in his ability to successfully gather samples with limited impact on the building, to identify the source and composition of the distinctive staining, and to sensitively repair the sample areas. Along with working on the James J. Hill House, Mr. Beaty has visited sites to aid in the diagnosis of historic masonry problems, performed mortar analysis to assist clients in developing/ designing compatible replacement mortar, and reverse-engineered masonry repair materials looking for compatibility problems. Mr. Beaty is an active member of the Preservation Trades Network, the Association of Preservation Technology International, and the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works and can be reached at jbeaty@amengtest.com. Gerard Moulzolf, PG can be reached at gmoulzolf@amengtest.com. ♦



AMERICAN ENGINEERING TESTING, INC. (AET) welcomes Mr. **LOREN BRAUN, PE**, as a Principal Geotechnical

Engineer to the Geotechnical Division in Saint Paul. Geotechnical Department Manager, Greg Reuter, PE, D.GE, says “We are very excited to have Loren join AET. His vast experience in local and national markets compliments our geotechnical capabilities very well.”

Mr. Braun has over thirty years of experience as a geotechnical engineer. Previously with Braun Intertec Corporation and Twin City Testing Corporation, Loren has successfully built relationships with local and national industry leaders through serving in the unique position of a trusted geotechnical review consultant. While consulting for major corporations and working on projects across the United States, Loren served as a liaison between local consulting companies and his clients, by reviewing their reports for technical competence and thoroughness, and providing a third party recommendation if needed.

The construction process caught his eye at a young age when he first witnessed the demolition of a building and the construction of a new building in its place. Intrigued, Loren pursued his interests in the construction process and graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering emphasizing geotechnical engineering. Serving as a geotechnical engineer, Loren has been able to work on challenging projects including utilities, pavements, and multi-story structures. According to him, his favorite projects involve difficult soil conditions requiring creative solutions.

Being a respected resource in the geotechnical community, Loren has performed geotechnical engineering for numerous commercial, industrial, and government clients. Loren is a member of the Minnesota Geotechnical Society and a member of the ASTM International D18 Committee. Mr. Braun can be reached at lbraun@amengtest.com, Mr. Reuter can be reached at greuter@amengtest.com. ♦



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