

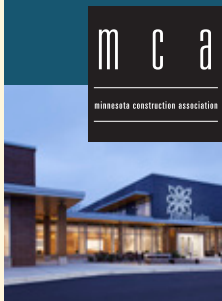
October 2016

# CONSTRUCTION VIEWS

Education | Recognition | Networking

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## Awards of Excellence



Each year the Minnesota Construction Association (MCA) recognizes construction projects and members that make substantial contributions to the community and the Association through the Awards of Excellence. Mark your calendar for the 2017 Awards of Excellence Gala being held on Wednesday, January 25, 2017.

### Project Excellence Awards

Nominations will be accepted from MCA Members in good standing during 2016 and 2017. Contractors, Subcontractors/ Specialty Contractors and Construction Services Providers are invited to nominate a project completed between 2014 and 2016. The project must be substantially completed when nominated. Early bird entry fee is \$225 if submitted on or before November 18, 2016. Entry fee is \$325 if submitted November 19 - December 12, 2016.

[Click here to download a Project Excellence Award nomination form and submit it by December 12, 2016. A separate Payment Form must be submitted along with your nomination form \(you may submit a single payment form for all nominations entries\).](#)

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Reservations are required if you plan to attend the Gala on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 from 5:30-9:00 PM at the Minneapolis Marriott West.

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 11, 2017. 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

Fall is definitely in the air. As we close in on the year end, the construction industry continues to have another productive year. Construction companies and all service based industries are busy getting ready for the inclement weather that is inevitably upon us. With as much activity as we've had with our day to day projects, it has been nice to see so many MCA members active with our organization and willing to volunteer their time at various networking and educational events. This truly exemplifies what the MCA is about.

Recently, the MCA sent a survey to our members to gather valuable information to assist with updating our strategic plan. The results of this were favorable to Networking and Educational programs. With this information, the MCA board spent a day working jointly with our committees to further define and layout our vision and strategic plan. The results of this will continue to strengthen the MCA and keep our organization headed in the right direction.

As some of you have experienced firsthand, events offered by the MCA provide excellent opportunities for education and networking with like individuals in our industry.

## Mark your calendars for these upcoming MCA events:

- **October 6, 2016:**  
Rise and Shine! Breakfast Networking Event @ CES imaging
- **November 17, 2016:**  
MCA Third Annual Soiree; A Gathering of Construction Professionals

I thank everyone for your continued support of the MCA. Your participation, sponsorships and volunteered time are what make our organization a growing and dynamic collaboration of construction professionals!

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- Zachary Rolf

### **Minnesota State University, Moorhead**

- Steven Dueck
- Brian Petron

### **Mound Westonka High School**

- Brock Aleshire

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## – SAVE THE DATE –

**Thursday, October 6, 2016**  
Rise and Shine! Breakfast  
Networking Event

**Monday, October 17, 2016**  
MCA Board Meeting

**Monday, November 14, 2016**  
MCA Board Meeting

**Thursday, November 17, 2016**  
MCA Third Annual Soiree

**Monday, December 12, 2016**  
MCA Board Meeting

**Wednesday, January 25, 2017**  
Awards of Excellence Gala



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### ***MCA THIRD ANNUAL SOIREE:*** **A GATHERING OF CONSTRUCTION PROFESSIONALS**

**Thursday November 17, 2016 from 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm**

**Minneapolis Marriott West**  
**9970 Wayzata Boulevard**  
**Minneapolis, MN 55426**

This event is open to all members and non-members, Join us for networking, food, drinks and a short program.

**[Click here](#) for more information and to register today!**

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for more information and to  
register today!



# BOAT CRUISE RECAP

*Networking on the beautiful St. Croix River!*



## MCA is pleased to announce the 2016 scholarship recipients!

**Wyatt Aberle** – North Dakota State University  
**Jake Busse** – Minnesota State University - Moorhead  
**Edward Gajdosik** – University of Wisconsin - Stout

**Connor Mann** – North Dakota State University  
**Zachary Rolf** – Iowa State University



# Ask MS. AWARDS



*Dear Ms. Awards,*

*I heard or read somewhere that the Awards of Excellence has changed venues.  
Is that true?*

*Sincerely,*

*Mr. Location*

*Dear Mr. Location,*

*You heard correctly. The venue has changed from the Minneapolis Golf Club to the Minneapolis Marriott West in St. Louis Park. We outgrew the Minneapolis Golf Club, so we are moving the event about five minutes north to a great event center. Many MCA members are familiar with the Marriott West facility as it includes Kip's Irish Pub, where many MCA social hours/events have taken place over the past five years.*

*Moving to this new venue will allow MCA to continue growing the attendance of the event as we had reached the maximum capacity of the Minneapolis Golf Club. The banquet room at the Marriott West is much larger and more comfortable than what we are previously used to. Kip's is also a great place to converse during the after-gala party.*

*It's great to have the event in a location that also boasts a beautiful hotel for those members or clients attending that may be traveling from out of town or for those that want to make a full night out of the event by staying in a room. I know I'm excited to see what the new venue holds in store for our great group.*

*If you have any questions, feel free to contact anyone on the awards committee or email [info@mnconstruction.org](mailto:info@mnconstruction.org).*

*Thanks,*

*Ms. Awards*





# Member to Member

Otsego E-8 is the new centerpiece of schools included in the \$98M bond and operating levy referendum. Voters approved this building program in the 2014 general election for the Elk River Area School District. E-8 will be the first Independent School District (ISD) 728 school building of its kind to instruct such a diverse age range of students. In one facility there will be early childhood learners, Kindergarten through 5th grade students, as well as 6th-8th grade middle school students.

Designed in collaboration with district leaders, the E-8 school will be approximately 124,000 square feet and cost roughly \$23.6 million to construct. Contingencies, architectural fees, staff, permits and other fees bring the total cost to about \$39.2 million. The primary designers are longtime partners of District 728, Wold Architects and Engineers. **STAHL CONSTRUCTION** is leading the renovation and construction campaign. To receive the most competitive bid, Stahl worked intensely to reach out to many contractors. The result was favorable bid coverage, and the project came in under budget.

The Groundbreaking ceremony was held in the midst of rolling farm fields at the crossing of MacIver Avenue and 80th Street Northeast in western Otsego. Construction is set to begin spring of 2016, with full completion targeted for Aug. 1, 2017. E-8 is expected to open to students on Sept. 5, 2017 for the 2017-18 school year. The student population will be designated once district committees conclude their work at the end of the summer in 2016. The \$98M building campaign includes four schools- Elk River High School Gymnasium and Activities Center Addition and Renovation; the Zimmerman High School / Middle School Auditorium and Science Wing

Addition; new construction of the E-8 school in Otsego; and the Zimmerman Early Childhood School Addition. ♦

**KRAUS-ANDERSON** has added more management staff

#### Minneapolis office:

The company has hired **ERIKA FLORES** and **TIM BARRON** as project managers; **ROB SPAH** and **PAT UNDERWOOD** as superintendents; **JON PORTER** as quality manager; and **RYAN SZARZYNSKI** as accounting manager. KA has also hired **ALEC MILLER** and **ALEXANDRA TITTERUD** as project engineers; **JEFF MAUSER** as assistant project manager; and **ETHAN LAUBACH** as safety coordinator. The company also promoted **ABIGAIL HEIMEL**, **CHRIS KNUTSON**, **SCOTT LAIR**, **STEFAN MICHNO** and **KARA STOCKMAN** to project managers; and **KHALID MAYE** to project engineer.

#### Duluth office:

KA has hired **AARON MAKI** as a superintendent, and **PETER AUVINEN** and **GLENN PLANTE** as assistant project managers.

#### Bemidji office:

KA has hired **JOE GISH** as a project engineer. ♦

**RJM CONSTRUCTION**, a Minneapolis-based general contractor,



has recently named two vice presidents as market specialty leaders. **BRAD BARICKMAN** will lead RJM's community market, specializing in recreational facilities, municipal buildings and charter schools. His experience delivering

construction management contracts will be an asset to the market.

Barickman has completed a variety of notable projects in his 11 years with RJM. This includes Portland Tower in Minneapolis, Minn., Worthington Area YMCA in Worthington, Minn., and the Eden Prairie Community Center in Eden Prairie, Minn.



Leading RJM's corporate market is **CARTER VARGO**. Recently promoted to vice president, he will focus on interior renovations, office

buildings and other client specialty projects. Vargo has worked in project management for 12 years and managed projects such as Be the Match in Minneapolis, Minn., Portico Benefits in Minneapolis, Minn., and Medtronic SuperDimension in Plymouth, Minn.

"The realignment of our market leaders increases our corporate productivity and reinforces proactive, flawless project execution," stated Brian Recker, senior vice president. "I'm pleased to present Brad and Carter the opportunity."

Barickman and Vargo join Rodney Hintz and Eric Kobeska as market-focused vice presidents for RJM Construction. Hintz and Kobeska lead RJM's healthcare market. ♦



**AMERICAN ENGINEERING TESTING, INC.** (AET) recently welcomed **THOMAS LAMB, PE, LEED® AP**, an engineer with a

wealth of knowledge and experience, as a Principal Engineer and Engineering

Manager in the company's regional Duluth office. He joins Eric Edlund, Construction Materials Manager, in leading the office and providing services to the Duluth area. Greg Owens, AET's Eastern Regional Manager, is excited to have Lamb as a part of his team. "I am thrilled to have Tom join us in Duluth," said Owens. "With his engineering experience in nearly all of our [AET's] service lines, PE and LEED® AP certification, and proven commitment to growth, Tom truly is an exciting addition to our team."

Lamb will be responsible for providing senior geotechnical and materials engineering services and project management in the Duluth office. "My goal is to expand the company's capabilities in the region and have our office [in Duluth] further reflect the broad capabilities and services that AET offers," says Lamb. "I look forward

to working with clients in the Duluth area."

Having grown up with a love of construction and engineering, Lamb earned a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Minnesota and now has over 35 years of experience. He has worked across the field of engineering consulting from geotechnical engineering, concrete testing, and building forensics to owner representative services, environmental consulting, and building condition assessments and plans on putting that experience to use as he leads the Duluth engineering team. Lamb is excited to return to the area after spending the beginning of his engineering education at the University of Minnesota Duluth.

Lamb is a registered Professional Engineer in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Illinois. He also has certification as a LEED® Accredited Professional

from Green Building Certification Institute and is an active member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Lamb can be reached via email at [tlamb@amengtest.com](mailto:tlamb@amengtest.com). ♦


The Johnston Community School District (JCSD) selected **STAHL CONSTRUCTION** as their Construction Manager to manage a program of four projects. Stahl Construction will manage the pre-construction and construction of the recently approved Football Stadium at the new Johnston High School, the conversion of the former High School into a Middle School, the conversion of a Middle School to an Elementary School, and the conversion of an Elementary School to an Administrative Resource Center.

In August 2014, the District's Board of Education awarded Stahl Construction the contract for the construction of the

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new 369,000-square-foot Johnston High School. Upon completion in spring of 2017, the new High School will be the second largest high school in the state of Iowa, serving up to 1,800 students in grades 10-12. The Johnston Community School District is planning at least four additional projects to accommodate long-term population growth needs in the region.

“Stahl Construction has been a great partner throughout the new high school construction project,” said Corey Lunn, JCSD Superintendent. “They’ve shown a tremendous ability to handle the scope of this project in an efficient and timely manner, keeping the new high school on budget and on schedule. When it came time to look at how this process should be handled with our upcoming renovation and construction projects, we were confident in the ability of Stahl to provide the best service to our district.”

The School District Project Oversight Committee within the Board of Education hired Stahl Construction because of its strong commitment to the education sector, the significant cost savings their management can deliver to the district, and history of CM projects that were delivered on time and under budget.

“Regardless of the delivery format we serve our clients through, our team is consistently focused on going beyond the typical process to ensure our partners succeed across all of their objectives,” said Jessie Bingen, President of Stahl Construction. “As we built a deep relationship with the Johnston Community School District through the High School project, we saw an opportunity to expand our role to support their evolving needs. As their construction partner, we will act as an extension of the District and focus on helping them manage their facilities and construction projects for sustained long-term value.” ♦

The Minnesota Vikings have selected Crawford Architects and **KRAUS-**

**ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** as the architect and construction manager for the team’s new Eagan practice facility and headquarters.

“Establishing this leadership team is a major step forward on our new Eagan home,” said Vikings Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Steve Poppen. “We are thrilled to once again engage in a large project with a Minnesota-based construction company such as Kraus-Anderson, as they have a tremendous body of work and strong reputation within the community. Both Crawford Architects and Kraus-Anderson have long-standing relationships with the Vikings and together give us complete confidence in designing and building this project on time for a March 2018 opening.”

Based in Kansas City, MO, Crawford Architects is well-known for designing state of the art human performance facilities and multi-use destination developments. Some of their recent projects include the Virginia Mason Athletic Complex for the Seattle Seahawks (Renton, WA), Pegula Ice Arena at Penn State (University Park, PA) and the Sanford Jackrabbit Athletic Complex at South Dakota State University (Sioux Falls, SD).

“This new facility will continue the Vikings ascension within the NFL, raising the bar for the team, for NFL training facilities and for human performance facilities nationwide,” said Crawford Architects Principal David Murphy. “We are proud to join the Vikings and the NFL in their significant commitments to the Eagan community and intend to leverage the area’s economic development engine by bringing new attention, jobs and consumer traffic to the community from all over the country through the design of this complex.”

Kraus-Anderson, headquartered in Minneapolis, has more than 100 years of construction experience

within the community. Recent noted projects include the University of Minnesota Masonic Children’s Hospital (Minneapolis, MN), the Sanford Center (Bemidji, MN) and Alexandria High School (Alexandria, MN).

“We are excited to get underway with the Vikings headquarters project, continuing a relationship that goes back more than 30 years and includes the construction of the Vikings current Winter Park facility,” said Kraus-Anderson Construction Company’s Chief Operating Officer Al Gerhardt. “We are committed to delivering this project safely and on time and on budget, consistent with



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The new team headquarters, located off I-494 at the intersection of Dodd Road and Lone Oak Parkway, will include outdoor and indoor practice fields, a 6,000-seat stadium, team meeting rooms and auditorium, a broadcast studio and media center, and administrative offices for staff. The facility is the first phase in an overall 200-acre planned development expected to include offices, retail, residential, hospitality and a conference center with the Vikings headquarters as a development anchor. Construction of Phase I is expected to be complete in approximately 20 months, while the remaining multi-phase, mixed-use development will depend on market analysis and occur in stages over the next 10-15 years.

“This project will not only provide a first-class training facility for our players and business environment for our staff, but it will also allow us to transform this site into an international destination and a regional community asset,” said Vikings Owner/President Mark Wilf. “We appreciate the partnerships with Crawford Architects and Kraus-Anderson and look forward to officially breaking ground on the Vikings future home.” ♦

### **KRAUS-ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY (KA)**

has been selected to remodel and expand the high school and middle

school for the Hudson School District in Hudson, Wis.

Designed by Bray Architects, the \$93.9 million project features a two-story classroom addition and gymnasium at the middle school; and additions and renovations to the high school, including seating, lighting and sound upgrades to the auditorium, and new athletic stadium.

“We are honored to have been chosen to build these schools in Hudson,” said Gary Zifko, Kraus-Anderson’s project manager and Hudson resident. “The expansion will greatly enhance Hudson schools and become an even bigger asset for the community.”

Construction on the middle school will begin this fall and will continue while school is in session. The project is expected to be completed in June of 2017 in time for the school year. Kraus-Anderson has deep experience building and renovating schools and other facilities that must remain operational during construction. For example, the company works on hospitals with patients that must remain stabilized and highly sensitive equipment that cannot be moved.

“As we proceed to work on the Hudson schools -- while students, teachers and staff are at work – it will continue to be our highest priority to put safety and security first, with as little disruption as possible,” said Zifko.

Starting in April of 2017, Kraus-Anderson will begin work on the

high school, which is anticipated to be completed by the summer of 2019.

Hudson School District Superintendent Dr. Nick Ouellette spoke of the reasons behind the Board of Education’s decision to select Kraus-Anderson.

“We have chosen Kraus-Anderson because of their deep experience with projects of this scale in addition to having performed a thorough reference check that indicated a high level of satisfaction of the company’s work,” said Ouellette. “The number of school districts that are repeat KA clients is impressive and speaks volumes as to the quality of their work. We couldn’t be more excited to have KA on board to help us deliver the promises we have made to the community.”

Located at 1300 Carmichael Road, Hudson Middle School serves approximately 1,300 students in grades 6-8. Hudson High School, located at 1501 Vine Street, combines a comprehensive curriculum model with two STEM and health care-focused academies. The high school serves approximately 1,800 students in grades 9-12.

Kraus-Anderson remains one of the region’s leading construction managers for education and is currently ranked 6th in the nation in the construction of K-12 facilities by Building Design and Construction magazine. The company has completed more than \$1 billion in K-12 projects in the past five years. ♦

**STAHL CONSTRUCTION** is proud to be selected as the construction and collaborative partner for the PLACE St. Louis Park eco-village project utilizing the development method of Integrated Project Delivery (IDP), a format that has been around for a number of years but has not been widely used in the Midwest market.

The urban mixed-income community is revolutionary in the Twin Cities for its sustainability goals, community-oriented development process, Architecture/Engineering/Construction







(AEC) development delivery, and renewable, neighborhood-scale energy generation component.

Through building a long-term relationship and pre-construction consulting, Stahl was able to earn a role on the overall development team joining the lead developer PLACE, architect and engineer of record STANTEC, design architect MSR, and structural and LEAN construction consulting firm LIFT, an organization founded by Charles H. Thornton, and **RACHEL CONTRACTING**, along with Allianz Life and other investors. Through the IPD method, Stahl's role is not limited to the construction phase, but rather a part of the development team and has a vital role in the feasibility and design phases.

"Stahl impressed the team with its forward-thinking, nimble, and collaborative methods as well as their track record for successfully delivering unique and challenging projects," said Elizabeth Bowling, Project Management Team representative for PLACE.

The project incorporates two adjacent sites in St. Louis Park that are being redeveloped to feature multiple multi-family housing buildings comprised of 300 apartments – both affordable and market rate – a LEED gold hotel featuring the revolutionary LIFT structural design, along with space for independent retail, and a renewable energy facility with greenhouse

components available for residents. The project will feature a variety of multi-family apartment types including traditional options, live / work studios and live / work / retail space. The development will be powered by PLACE's patent-pending waste to energy E-Generation™ process. The facility will provide 80% of the energy required for the overall complex.

"This project will be evolutionary for Stahl and our market for a number of reasons. Namely, the remarkable sustainability attributes, community-focused process and innovative features," said Jessie Houlihan Bingen, President of Stahl Construction.

"The IPD approach is a progressive delivery format with entirely different mechanisms to traditional approaches in our industry. It aligns with our corporate philosophy to consciously partner with all entities involved in our projects to work toward comprehensive success. We are confident this development will provide a lasting impact that we will be proud to be associated with."

The transit-oriented community will offer multiple transportation alternatives to the car and provide access to nature in an urban setting via green rooftop decks and a one-acre urban forest featuring public art. The project will be LEED certified and construction is slated to begin in spring of 2017. ♦

**KRAUS-ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY (KA)** has completed construction on a new \$4.8 million bee research facility at the University of Minnesota. Located at 1634 Gortner Avenue on the university's St. Paul campus, the UMN Bee Research Laboratory will facilitate groundbreaking work on bee health and biodiversity.

Designed by Minneapolis-based Alliance, the 10,875-square foot academic research laboratory consolidates lab space, honey extraction, observation hive space, offices and equipment space.



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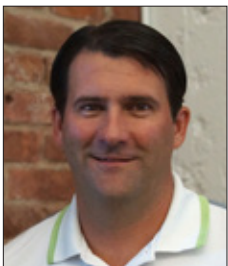
The state-of-the-art UMN Bee Research Laboratory also centralizes and facilitates the important bee research projects currently underway at the university. The facility expands and enhances the group’s internationally recognized research and teaching program and provides opportunities for enhanced interdisciplinary and international collaborations.

“At the University of Minnesota, we’re discovering solutions every day to protect bees, which, in turn, will help to protect our food supply and human health,” said Professor Marla Spivak, entomologist and honey bee expert at the University of Minnesota. “Together, we can protect American agriculture and the food we eat every day by helping the honey bee get back on its own six feet.”

The B3 project is aiming for Minnesota Sustainable Building 2030, achieving energy performance that maintains a 60 percent reduction in energy use from other buildings of its type.

The project was managed by Kraus-Anderson’s Paul Wilczynski. ♦

**RJM CONSTRUCTION** has hired **TIM RYAN** as a senior project manager.



During his 20 years in the industry, Tim has managed a variety of projects for California-based general contractor Vance Brown. His experience includes public and private

schools, collegiate facilities, office buildings, athletic facilities, parking structures and mixed used development projects.

In his new role, Tim will be responsible for managing large-scale construction projects. He will also serve as a mentor by promoting team development.

Tim is a graduate of Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil & Environmental Engineering. ♦

Arbor Glen Senior Living, a new \$16 million senior living community located in Lake Elmo, Minn. has broken ground.

The two-story development is owned by Arbor Glen Senior Living LLC and managed by Ebenezer Management Services, which provides daily operational and management services.

Arbor Glen Senior Living offers a variety of housing solutions for older adults, ranging from options for those who choose to live independently to those who want to take advantage of the care and services that are available 24/7. Arbor Glen’s 84 apartments feature 60 independent and assisted living apartments, and 24 memory care apartments, which are designed for those with Alzheimer’s and other forms of memory loss,

Designed by River Falls, Wis.-based Ayres Associates and built by

**WINKELMAN BUILDING CORP.**, Arbor Glen’s onsite amenities include state-of-the-art remote monitoring technology, onsite visits by geriatric physicians and nurse practitioners, and a full-time nurse who is on-call 24 hours.

The 106,654-square-foot senior living community will feature a restaurant-quality dining room with chef-prepared meals, private dining, overnight guest suite, community rooms, underground parking, outdoor decks and patios. In addition, the Arbor Glen will provide an activities director, movie theater, fitness center, hair salon and scheduled group transportation in the community van. ♦

**GREND AHL MECHANICAL** has begun construction on the Marcus Cinema in Shakopee, MN. This state of the art movie theater is slated to open in the first quarter of 2017.

Grendahl Mechanical recently completed the Crystal Learning Center for the Robbinsdale School District. This 50,000 square foot tenant improvement of leased space, owned by Paster Properties was a design/build project to relocate the special education, adult education and ECFE program for the school district. This project is the second installation of the SmartStruxure Lite HVAC controls in the Minnesota market. ♦



**O'MEARA LEER WAGNER & KOHL** continues its growth with the announcement of four new Partners. Firm attorneys **SARAH FOULKES, SARAH HUNTER, BRIAN MCSHERRY** and **BRIAN THOMPSON** have been named as Partners. O'Meara Leer Wagner & Kohl has gained a national reputation for excellence in business, construction and commercial matters, school law, workers' compensation and insurance-related disputes.

"Together, these four partners represent our core values with excellent reputations earned within the legal and business communities," said Shamus O'Meara, the Firm's Managing Partner. "They are an important part of our success, and reinforce our commitment to "Relationships, Reliability and Results — for our clients, each other and our community."



Sarah Foulkes (left) represents and counsels employers and insurers in workers' compensation matters, including asbestos claims.



Sarah Hunter (right) represents and counsels employers and insurers in workers' compensation matters.



Brian McSherry (left) represents clients in construction, products liability, retail and hospitality and motor vehicle matters.



Brian Thompson (right) represents and counsels employers and insurers in workers' compensation matters. ♦

**STAHL CONSTRUCTION** is proud to announce the completion of the Hyatt Place hotel located within the historic Custom House building in St. Paul. It is the first hotel built in the Lowertown neighborhood in 10 years. The rededication of the Custom House building and grand opening of the Hyatt Place will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2016.

The Custom House building was once a U.S. Post Office and federal customs port in the early 1900s. It served as the main postal facility for St. Paul from 1934 through 2010. The riverfront building has been converted into a mixed-use property including a 149-room hotel, 202 urban apartments, and space for a future restaurant.

The \$125 million renovation is one of the most significant historic preservation undertakings in St. Paul. It took a collaborative effort to piece together the massive 748,000 square foot building over the past 17 months.

The Exeter Group sold the lower floors of the 17-story building to Nelson Construction & Development. Nelson hired Stahl to turn floors one through five into the 145,000 square foot, \$19.7 million Hyatt Place hotel.

"We were drawn to this building because of its raw potential," said Aaron DeCamp, Director of Construction for Nelson Construction & Development. "But we knew we needed to select exceptional project partners due to the level of complexity that needed to be addressed. Stahl Construction arose as the strongest option because of their thorough management approach and deep hospitality experience. They worked with the design team, historic partners, public entities and our team every step of the way to resolve questions, mitigate project risks, and ensure the project proceeded successfully so we were able to open the Custom House Hyatt Place on schedule. Thanks to the dedication of the entire team, this historic art deco building has transformed along with the Lowertown neighborhood to inspire and enhance the community for years to come."

“The Custom House renovation was equal parts inspiring and fraught with unanswered questions, so of course we were intrigued,” said Jessie Houlihan Bingen, President of Stahl Construction. “A partnership-centered approach combined with strategic rigorous management was the only path to success. We would not have endured without our project management team and the tireless dedication of our lead field superintendent who worked with the trade professionals to make meaningful progress consistently throughout the schedule. We are proud

to have delivered a hotel that reflects the design intent and met the objectives of the State Historic Preservation Office and Nelson.”

A key element to completing the scope of work according to the timeline was lean construction management including just-in-time deliveries of materials and prompt waste management. “We removed more than 10,000 tons of debris during the demolition phase to strip back the concrete mezzanines and uncover the structure we could build from,” said Jim

Busch, Stahl Project Manager.

“Removing waste promptly and, later in the process, planning material deliveries to match installation dates enabled the site to function efficiently.”

The Custom House redevelopment project won one of only four Honor Awards presented by the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota. The award honors “a singular project which exemplifies undeniable impact, quality, and vision in the field of preservation.” The Custom House was also recently reported on in New York Times. ♦

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