Owners’ Project Excellence Awards

With a goal to educate and inform its membership, Western Council of Construction Consumers developed this project awards program to recognize improvement and excellence in design, engineering and construction of quality, cost-effective projects.

The projects submitted demonstrate effective execution; strategies to meet challenges and improve the process; and successful management of relationships between the owner, the contractors and other service providers.

To qualify, construction must be substantially completed before January 1st of the submission year. Because Western Council believes that “outstanding performance” can only be achieved when accompanied by superior safety, projects with poor safety performance are not considered for awards.

Whether new construction, renovation, modernization, seismic retrofit, or stabilization, the project categories are: Buildings, Infrastructure, Utilities, Advanced Technologies, Industrial Process/Manufacturing, and Open.

PROJECT AWARD STATUS DESCRIPTIONS:
Chairman’s Award: This unique project meets all criteria and stands out as exemplary.
Distinguished: Achieved all objective criteria of schedule, budget, quality and aesthetics, plus an extraordinary safety record.
Exceptional: Achieved substantial number of the objective criteria.
Outstanding: Achieved significant number of objectives with noteworthy accomplishments.
Significant: Achieved unique or significant objectives.
Notable: Not all criteria were met, but project has noteworthy elements.

DISTINCTION AWARDS: High sustainability, significant energy savings; meet/exceed high LEED requirements and/or use of innovative/creative approaches to sustainability needs merits a Sustainability Excellence Award. New, unique, and/or innovative solutions to any of many common construction issues merits an Innovative Project Solutions Award.

As our name suggests, construction projects are the primary business of our organization. Finding ways to execute them safely, on time, and cost effectively is our collective mission. Recognizing creativity and innovation transforming the industry instructs and encourages us to pursue excellence.

Owners’ Project Excellence Awards honor projects, and those dedicating their talent and energy to finding better ways to add value to capital programs. It is especially important to honor those who maintain the highest standards of our industry.

Nominations are solicited from WESTERN COUNCIL Membership for outstanding projects substantially completed in 2017. An experienced judging team evaluates them by high Council standards.

In this 22nd year, we are again encouraged to see both infrastructure and buildings. We hope you find ideas to apply to your future projects - a key reason for this program - to educate, inspire and improve the construction industry.

We will also present Sustainability Excellence and Innovative Project Solutions distinction awards.

These projects highlight problem solving, creative solutions, teamwork, sustainability, and added value. Western Council encourages these industry trends which bode well for future projects.

Think about projects you are completing this year that you can submit in 2019.

Not yet a member? Join now!

Thank you for joining us in honoring these projects today.

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Printer: Alpha Printing www.alphaprintingla.com
New San Diego Central Courthouse

This project consolidates Superior Court of San Diego County criminal, civil, family and probate court departments into a twenty-three story, 704,000 s.f. tower in downtown to act as a catalyst for the emerging government district. This design is an update of strong accommodating civic buildings from the past, with a language of robust subtractive massing enclosing a safe and welcoming interior.

The three-story public lobby serves as the heart of the Court Building, providing a safe and light-filled atrium offering views over a new park by day, and serving as a glowing beacon at night. Atop the building, the traditional courthouse pediment is reinterpreted as a fifty-five-foot-long cantilevered cornice that supports a folded metal panel soffit filtering the brilliant California sun, to provide shading for the public corridor below and establish a strong, iconic presence on the San Diego skyline.

Owner: Judicial Council of California  
Construction Manager: Parsons  
Architect: Skidmore, Owigs & Merrill LLP  
Civil Engineering Design: Michael Baker International  
General Contractor: Rudolph and Sletten, Inc.  
MEP Engineer of Record: Building Electrical Systems  
Telecom, Security Electronics & Acoustical Design: Shen, Milson & Wilke  
Lighting Design: Horton Lees Brogden Lighting Design  
Elevator Design: Edgett Williams Consulting Group  
Food Service Design: Cini-Little International, Inc.

Buildings - New
Original Budget: $466,174,067  
Capital Cost: $482,129,091  
Start Date: December 23, 2013  
Completion: November 7, 2017  
Safety: 3 Lost work time Injuries

Sustainability Excellence Award  
Innovative Project Solutions Award
Stanislaus Re-Entry and Enhanced Alternatives to Custody Training (REACT) Center was built as part of the Stanislaus County Public Safety Center campus in Modesto, California. The new 57,268 s.f. REACT Center is comprised of two buildings – a dormitory-style housing facility with 288 inmate beds, and an administration building. Beyond modernizing its facilities and increasing housing capacity, the County’s vision was to reduce recidivism. To provide for the entire inmate cycle, these facilities safely and securely manage a broader range of backgrounds and needs, while implementing evidence-based programs focused on inmate rehabilitation and re-entry to become productive citizens.
This juvenile justice facility was originally built in 1962 and needed extensive upgrades. The scope involved demolition and replacement of all structures except the kitchen and dining facility. The facility was transformed into a new school-like campus, providing a sustainable model for juvenile justice focused on rehabilitation. The new campus can accommodate up to 120 youths with an intake facility, a support/school building, five individual housing cottages, an ancillary gym building, and various site improvements including a recreational multipurpose field. The new facility also provides staff with a higher level of visibility in all areas used by minors.

**Owner:** Los Angeles County  
**Project and Construction Manager:** Kitchell  
**Architect:** DLR Group  
**Contractor:** Bernards  
**Civil/Structural Engineers:** KPFF Consulting Engineers  
**Mechanical Engineer:** P2S Engineering  
**Demolition Contractor:** National Demolition  
**Job Order Contractor:** Torres Construction  
**Security Electronic Engineer:** Next Generation  
**Security Electronic Contractor:** Argyle Security, Inc.

**Buildings - New**

- **Original Budget:** $34,674,100  
- **Capital Cost:** $36,357,038  
- **Start Date:** January 5, 2015  
- **Completion:** March 17, 2017

**Safety:** No recordable incidences or lost work time injuries occurred on this project.
The original recycling center was conceived and built in 1970 as a means to generate revenue for ASOCC. It evolved over time to become not only an important financial resource, but also a learning environment for a student-run business venture, a partner in campus and community sustainability, and an instructional tour destination for K-12 students. The new 5,505-square-foot Orange Coast College Recycling Center raises that bar to serve the students, faculty, and staff of the college, as well as the residents of Costa Mesa and surrounding communities. The student-operated facility is roughly five times the size of its predecessor, dramatically increasing capacity, accessibility, and operational efficiency. In addition, the facility is able to accept a large variety of materials, including electronics, cooking oil, household batteries, and fluorescent light tubes.

**Owner:** Coast Community College District  
**Additional Stakeholder:** Orange Coast College Recycling Center  
**Design (A/E):** Dougherty + Dougherty  
**Construction Manager:** Kitchell  
**Constructor:** MS Construction Management International, Inc.

**Buildings - New**
- **Budget:** $5,016,000
- **Capital Cost:** $6,092,506
- **Start:** June 19, 2016
- **Completion:** August 21, 2017
- **Safety Record:** No Recordable or Lost Time Incidents on this project
Lower Franklin Reservoir
Floating Cover Replacement

Lower Franklin Reservoir, is a major storage facility in Los Angeles Department of Water & Power’s drinking water system. In 1989, a floating cover was installed to minimize the water’s exposure to the environment.

By 2011, the existing cover was reaching the end of its service life. This cover was replaced, and additional modifications were made to the reservoir’s inlet and outlet facilities, to maintain water quality and improve operations and maintenance.

These improvements had to be completed within a tight operational window which required the reservoir to be placed back in service by March 2017. LADWP implemented a non-traditional but effective project delivery plan that included using LADWP internal construction forces to complete improvements inside the reservoir, so that a specialized floating cover contractor could then follow to complete its work. Though this sequential approach required complex coordination of work forces, equipment, site, and materials delivery, the operational deadline was met successfully.

**Owner:** Los Angeles Department of Water & Power

**Designer:** Los Angeles Department of Water & Power

**Construction Manager:** Los Angeles Department of Water & Power

**Project Manager:** Los Angeles Department of Water & Power

**Constructor:** LADWP – Power Construction & Maintenance Group (PCM)

**Floating Cover Constructor:** Layfield USA

**Infrastructure - New**

**Original Budget:** $20,000,000

**Capital Cost:** $21,800,000

**Start Date:** August 15, 2015

**Reservoir operational:** March 2017

**Construction Complete:** July, 2017

**Safety:**

One Lost Time Injury
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD WINNING PROJECTS!

Los Angeles County, Campus Vernon Kilpatrick Replacement Project

Coast Community College District, Recycling Center at Orange Coast Community College

Stanislaus County, Re-Entry & Enhanced Alternatives to Custody Training (REACT) Center

Project awards reinforce the level of quality we commit to every project every day. Congratulations to our owners and project stakeholders for delivering a project worthy of such a high distinction. For over 68 years, we have committed ourselves to Honesty, Integrity, Safety, Quality of Work and Customer Satisfaction!

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