2013 Owners’ Project Excellence Banquet Awards Ceremony

Welcome
by Andy Wiktorowicz
Executive Director
Western Council of Construction Consumers Welcomes Awards Gala Banquet attendees then prepares to present awards.

Co-Presenters:
Russ Pierson - LADWP prepares to present on behalf of Susan Rowghani, Western Council Board member, who is ill

Todd Bressler prepares to present on behalf of Peckar & Abramson P.C., our print Sponsor, and Mark Stapke the Council Board’s legal counsel

Tom Broz, Awards Chair and Western Council Board Member begins the awards presentation ceremony
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Tom Broz introduces Todd Bressler, who begins descriptions of the Award-Winning Projects.

Distinguished Project
Berkeley Public Library North Branch Renovation

Awards for this project were presented to the submitter, Kitchell, along with the Owners, Stakeholders and other Key Participants, at the Awards Luncheon in northern California.
Distinguished Project
Leroy Greene Academy Renovation

Awards for this project were presented to the submitter, Roebbeelen Contracting, Inc., along with the Owners, Stakeholders and other Key Participants, at the Awards Luncheon in northern California.

Leroy Greene Academy also received an Innovative Solutions Award.

Larry Eisenberg, Western Council Board Vice Chair and a project judge, explained the importance of innovation in our industry, and outlined the particular innovations applied in this project.
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Distinguished Project
De Anza College Media and Learning Center

Awards for this project were presented to the submitter, Sundt Construction, along with the Owners, Stakeholders and other Key Participants, at the Awards Luncheon in northern California.

De Anza College Media and Learning Center also received a Sustainability Excellence Award and an Innovative Solutions Award.

Larry Eisenberg, Western Council Board Vice Chair and a project judge, explained the importance of both sustainability excellence and innovation in our industry, and outlined the particular activities, features, innovations applied in this project, that earned it these two awards of distinction.
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John Skoury and Habib Charbel of Hill International, Inc. receive the Distinguished Project Award for Gold Line Bridge from Andy Wiktorowicz.

Exceptional Project
Hayward Unified School District Measure I Bond Program

Awards for this project were presented to the submitter, Vanir Construction Management, Inc., along with the Owners, Stakeholders and other Key Participants, at the Awards Luncheon in northern California.

Peter Watts, Vanir Construction Management, Inc. and WCCC Board member explained the Measure I Bond Program projects.

Exceptional Project
Orange Line Extension

Dave Hunt, and the submitting Willdan team, including Ken Kreiger and Ken Taylor, receive the Exceptional Project Award for the Orange Line Extension project from Andy Wiktorowicz.
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Exceptional Project
LAUSD
Central Regional
Elementary School #22

Awards for this project were presented to representatives of the submitter, Vanir Construction Management, Inc.: Jious Samii-Saremi, Cristina Bernardini, Dawn Brisco and Esmerelda Ward, by Andy Wiktorowicz.

Larry Eisenberg detailed the many features, activities and innovations that earned this project both special distinction awards.

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Sustainability Excellence Award

and
Innovative Solutions Award
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Outstanding Project
Kenneth Hahn State Recreational Area Improvement Project at La Cienega Bridge Entrance

Russ Pierson describes the project, and Melanie Nelson - Berg & Associates, Anna Apostolos and Jessica Draper - Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative, and Jeff Hutchins - Mia Lehrer+ Associates receive the Outstanding Project Award for this KHSRA Improvement project.

Outstanding Project
Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority Bus Fuel and Wash Facility

Awards for this project were presented to the submitter, Roebelen Contracting, Inc., along with the Owners, Stakeholders and other Key Participants, at the Awards Luncheon in northern California.
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Outstanding Project
Union Station
Platform 7

Russ Pierson describes the project, and Deborah Berg, Melanie Nelson and Cass Hamvass - Berg & Associates, receive the Outstanding Project Award for this Union Station Platform 7 project from Andy Wiktorowicz.

Significant Project
Reno VOA Elderly Housing

Awards for this project were presented to the submitter, Roebbeleen Contracting, Inc., along with the Owners, Stakeholders and other Key Participants, at the Awards Luncheon in northern California.
Andy Wiktorowicz sums up the evening and encourages all to start working on their submissions for the coming year’s competition.
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Significant Project
I-5 HOV / Gene Autry Way
(West) Interchange

Vanessa Barrientos, Arezo Ghiam, Mike Vukojevic, Zouheir Saleh, Ivan Benevidez, and Jessica Byrd of Hill International, Inc. receive the Significant Project Award for this I-5 HOV Interchange project from Andy Wiktorowicz