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Southwest Contractor Announces Best of 2009 New Mexico Award Winners

Phoenix – October 2, 2009 – [Southwest Contractor](#), a leading construction industry publication serving the Southwest since 1938, is pleased to announce the winners of its **Best of 2009 Awards** for New Mexico. The annual competition, now in its 12th year, recognizes construction and design excellence in separate award ceremonies for New Mexico, Arizona and Nevada.

After carefully scoring each project and engaging in intense discussion, an independent jury comprised of design and construction professionals arrived at 20 winning projects in categories such as Best Green Building and Best Transportation Project.

“The judges considered a variety of criteria for each project, from teamwork and safety to innovation and aesthetics,” says Scott Blair, senior editor of *Southwest Contractor*. “Several close contests were decided by which project provided the greatest social or economic benefit to the community.”

The winners will be profiled in detail in the December issue of *Southwest Contractor* and on www.southwest.construction.com. In addition, project teams will be honored during an awards ceremony held at the Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid on Tuesday, December 8th.

Top winners in each category will move on to the national Best of the Best 2009 competition. Those winners will be announced later this year in *Engineering News-Record* and at www.southwest.construction.com. *Southwest Contractor* is part of McGraw-Hill Construction’s network of Regional Construction Publications.

Best of 2009 New Mexico Awards (in alphabetical order):

Chaparral Electric Warehouse (Albuquerque), Industrial. *Submitted by Mullen Heller Architecture, PC*

Chief Manuelito Middle School (Gallup), K-12 Education. *Submitted by Dekker/Perich/Sabatini*

Duranes Elementary Kindergarten & Classroom Building (Albuquerque), Architectural Design. *Submitted by Albuquerque Public Schools and Baker Architecture + Design*

Fire Department Headquarters (Bloomfield), Government/Public. *Submitted by Rohde May Keller McNamara Architecture, PC*

I-40 San Mateo to Pennsylvania (Albuquerque), Transportation. *Submitted by Wilson & Company, Inc., Engineers & Architects, Gannett Fleming West, NMDOT and AUI, Inc.*

Mariposa Community Center (Albuquerque), Small Project. *Submitted by Dekker/Perich/Sabatini*

Mesa del Sol Innovation Park Building 2 (Albuquerque), Office. *Submitted by Dekker/Perich/Sabatini*

New Mexico Magistrate Court, Dona Ana County (Las Cruces), Best Teamwork. *Submitted by ASA Architects and Wooten Construction Co.*

Ocotillo Performing Arts Theater (Artesia), Cultural. *Submitted by Jaynes Corp.*

O'Donnell Hall, New Mexico State University (Las Cruces), Higher Education. *Submitted by Van H. Gilbert Architect PC*

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Best of 2009 New Mexico Awards (continued):

Our Lady of Guadalupe Franciscan Friary (Albuquerque), Residential/Hospitality. *Submitted by Enterprise Builders Corp.*

Rail Runner Express - Phase II (Bernalillo), Transportation. *Submitted by Kiewit New Mexico Co. and New Mexico Dept. of Transportation*

San Jose Parish Church (Albuquerque), Worship. *Submitted by Jaynes Corp.*

San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Treatment Plant (Albuquerque), Civil/Public Works. *Submitted by CH2M HILL*

South Valley Health Commons (Albuquerque), Healthcare. *Submitted by Gerald Martin General Contractor*

St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral Basilica Restoration (Santa Fe), Renovation/Restoration. *Submitted by John G. Rehders General Contractor*

Tony Hillerman Middle School (Albuquerque), Green Building. *Submitted by Bradbury Stamm Construction, Inc.*

Honorable Mention

Aperture Center (Albuquerque), Honorable Mention: Office. *Submitted by Klinger Constructors, LLC*

National Museum of Nuclear Science and History (Albuquerque), Honorable Mention: Cultural. *Submitted by Studio Southwest Architects, Inc.*

New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired Early Childhood Program Facility (Albuquerque), Honorable Mention: K-12 Education. *Submitted by Dekker/Perich/Sabatini*

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