Industry Focus

Morley Builders Mourns President and Son

Morley Builders mourns the loss of Mark Benjamin, President and CEO, who was piloting a small plane that crashed on landing on September 29, killing him and his son, Lucas, a Senior Project Engineer at the firm. To effect a seamless management transition, the Board of Directors of Morley Builders has elected Charles Muttillo, a 28-year company veteran to the position of interim President. Previously, he was Vice President of Contracting Operations. Muttillo received his BS in construction management from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA, and graduated from UCLA's Anderson Graduate School Executive Program in Management.

Bob Moore Construction Named Outstanding Small Business Awardee

Bob Moore Construction (BMC) was awarded the 2013 Outstanding Small Business of the Year Award for North Texas from the Arlington Chamber of Commerce and the North Texas Small Business Development Center. Recipients of this award are recognized for achievements, innovation, response to adversity, and involvement with community projects. BMC was recognized for its construction of more than 28 million ft^2 (2.6 million m^2) of retail, office, and warehouse space in Arlington and North Texas. Its projects have included Pioneer 360 Business Center, Frankford Trade Center distribution center, Rooms to Go Regional Distribution Center, Blockbuster Distribution Center, and the Lincoln Industrial Center.

Arup Wins ACEC Award

Arup, an engineering and consulting firm, was honored with the Grand Conceptor Award of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) for its design for the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, Kansas City, MO. This 356,000 ft^2 (33,070 m^2) building features a 1600-seat hall for solo concerts, chamber music, and orchestra performances as well as an 1800-seat theater for Broadway productions, comedy shows, ballets, and operas. The building also includes an underground parking garage, café, and terraced garden. This design was chosen as the winner out of 146 other entries from around the world.

Woodland Construction Receives TCA Certification

Woodland Construction Company was the first company to receive certification from the Tilt-Up Concrete Association's newly added certification program. This program was developed in response to industry demand for more quality assurance from companies. To be reviewed, applicants provide necessary documentation, including project reviews, safety programs and records, quality control and assurance, certified personnel, and continuing education. Then, an on-site audit takes place for certification review.

TXI Integrates DriveCam

TXI has integrated DriveCam Solution into all of its construction vehicles. The system addresses safety issues by combining data and video analytics with real-time feedback. It also has the capability to track driving behaviors and identifies behavior improvement solutions. The program can focus on efficient driving, idling, and speeding, which all can contribute to fuel usage. Employers can manage the program online through DriveCam Online.

USGBC and Hanley Wood Announce Partnership

U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and Hanley Wood LLC announced their partnership to take the Greenbuild International Conference and Expo to a higher level. USGBC will continue with Greenbuild's programming promoting sustainable construction in collaboration with Hanley Wood's event services. This year's conference was held in Philadelphia, PA, marking the 12th anniversary of Greenbuild and the 20th anniversary of USGBC.

Architectural Students and TF Forming Systems to Design Concrete EcoHome

TF Forming Systems, in partnership with GreenTown Joplin and students from the Drury School of Architecture, announced the design of EcoHome in Ozark, MO. The home is designed for net-zero energy usage by including features such as a south-facing bank of windows, an angled roof that will maximize heating from the sun in the winter and reduce the need for cooling by minimizing direct sunlight in the summer, a photovoltaic array on the roof to capture and convert sunlight into energy, and a high-performance concrete wall system. The concrete will provide energy efficiency, noise reduction, durability, and wind resistance.

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