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PYRAMID AWARD



Marcus Construction

Project: Rice Rehabilitation Center

Category: Healthcare Construction - Over 5 million

Rice Rehab had been operating with their outpatient rehab services – Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Cardiac & Pulmonary Rehab, and Pool Program, scattered in five different locations throughout the community. The new facility has now united all the programs under one roof and has improved the patient experience, the continuity of care, and helping the staff better meet patient needs.

“It’s an exciting step forward for rehab care in the region,” said Lynn Stier, director of the Rice Rehabilitation Center. “I feel like our staff has always provided excellent care, but this facility just gives us an opportunity to bring it to the next level,” she said. “It will help provide a more seamless experience for patients: easier access to multiple services, more opportunities for interdisciplinary care, and even more convenient parking. It’s that one-stop shop.”

HEALTHCARE CONSTRUCTION

EAGLE AWARD



Nor-Son, Inc.

Project: CRMC OR Expansion & Remodel

Category: Healthcare Construction - Over 5 Million

Cuyuna Regional Medical Center (CRMC) of Crosby has provided progressive, state-of-the-art healthcare for the Brainerd Lakes Area for over 50 years. Keeping up with today's high expectations for healthcare services the hospital required additional operating room (OR) space but was land-locked in expanding the footprint. The best option was to expand the OR Suite to a 13,000 square foot, unfinished administrative area, slated in a previous addition. The architects made it sound easy, it was anything but.

Located in the lower level or basement, clearance to structural steel was only 9'8" high and the OR's required 12'-6". The proposed solution was to lower the floor elevation over the entire 13,000 sq. ft. area. After stabilizing the building, fourteen concrete pad footings and over 200 lineal feet of spread footing were removed or modified while working beneath a fully operational maternity and birthing unit. Lowering the floor was an extremely sensitive and meticulous project that required careful scheduling, constant communication and quality management of all primary sub-contractors and suppliers. Noise and disruption as well as infection control were prime concerns Nor-Son successfully met.

Nor-Son exceeded multiple challenges presented while expanding the OR Suite, yet maintained sensitivity to the community's ongoing medical needs by continuing careful and considerate construction management practices.

COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION

EAGLE AWARD



The Joseph Company

Project: Austin Utilities Central Service Facility

Category: Commercial Construction - Over 5 million

Austin Utilities is a Municipal Utility that serves approximately 11,000 customers with electricity, natural gas, and water in Austin MN. The Utility awarded The Joseph Company the Construction Management contract of \$16,900,000 to build their new Central Facility in October of 2014.

This 102,000 SF structure was completed ahead of the 12-month schedule despite record rainfall in 2015 and spring of 2016. The project was delivered almost \$1 million under the Guaranteed Maximum Price and \$2.2 million under the original budget. This extraordinary performance was primarily accomplished during the design phase as Joseph initiated and approved \$1.2 million worth of Value Engineering deducts.

ABC INNOVATION AWARD

An innovative strategy was implemented by Joseph to provide a performance & payment bond that covered all the bid packages. This enabled many local subcontractors to bid the project who otherwise would not have been able to provide the bonds. The end result was over 60% of the project, or \$9.6 million in contracts, was performed by local contractors.

Project Architect for TKDA offered testimony to Joseph's Construction Management leadership by quoting in the final team meeting, "This was the best project in my 42 years of Architecture."

INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION

HONORABLE MENTION



Fagen, Inc.

Project: Lon D. Wright Power Plant – Unit 8 Air Quality Control System Retrofit in Fremont, NE

Category: Industrial Construction - Over 5 Million

Fagen, Inc. served as the EPC Contractor for the Air Quality Control System Retrofit (AQCS) at the Lon D. Wright Power Plant in Fremont, NE. This project called for the provision of AQCS emission control technology, detailed engineering and installation of all equipment to the original power plant, which is owned by the City of Fremont. The retrofit allowed the plant to meet the required Mercury and Air Toxics Standards and the National Air Quality Standards.

The project broke ground in July of 2014, with Fagen, Inc. providing full engineering, procurement, construction, project management/administration, and equipment installation. The project was completed on time and on budget and was valued at \$49,470,000. The Fagen team's safety practices were top notch and commended by the client, with zero lost time injuries. Final completion was achieved in November of 2015.

As the leading green energy contractor in the United States, the Fagen team was pleased to play a lead role in this important project, as the fossil powered generation industry works to bring many of the remaining plants in operation into compliance with the new emission rules.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE JOSEPH COMPANY!

We would like to send a special thank you to The Joseph Company for the opportunity to be a part of the Austin Utilities Central Service Facility project.



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The Weitz Company

Project: Ozark Mountain Poultry, Inc. Feed Processing Facility

Category: Industrial Construction - Over 5 Million

In 2014, Ozark Mountain Poultry, Inc. approached Weitz about its plans to construct a new cutting edge poultry feed processing facility. Due to the continual increase demand for quality chicken, the new facility would allow Ozark to expand their chicken meat production; meeting the company's overall growth strategy. The new turn-key, state-of-the art facility, located in Batesville, Arkansas, has a manufacturing capacity of 12,000 tons per week of feed and 11,100 tons of raw ingredient storage.

The main mill structure was built using the slipform construction and has a roof elevation of 189'-0". The receiving system includes truck and rail receiving of whole corn and soft stock ingredients. The process includes: a major ingredient batching scale, twin shaft mixer, minor ingredient system, and two (2) pelleting lines. A steam generating building, liquid ingredient tank farm and containment dike, an ingredient warehouse structure together with an employee welfare area were also included in the scope of work.

After working for several months with our client, major equipment suppliers, selected subcontractors, and Weitz engineers; mobilization took place in November 2014 on the greenfield site. Engineering stayed in full swing throughout the project to support the "fast-track" construction. In thirteen months after mobilizing, Ozark Mountain Poultry began to process poultry feed in the new facility.

INSTITUTIONAL CONSTRUCTION

HONORABLE MENTION



Erickson Builders & Co., Inc.

Project: Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge
Environmental Education Building

Category: Institutional Construction - 1 - 5 Million

Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge consists of 30,700 acres of Federal land that represents a diverse biological community characteristic of the transition zone between tallgrass prairie and forest. Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge is a part of the Fish and Wildlife Services Division and is just one of four refuges' in Minnesota.

The Friends of the Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge had a vision for this education facility and indoor classrooms and have been promoting the need and fundraising for the facility for the last 20 years.

A new building of 4,000 square foot, single level slab on grade with foundations, well water system, septic system, photovoltaic solar system, tubular daylight devices and miscellaneous site work were constructed on site.

The Refuge is located approximately 9 miles northwest of Zimmerman, Minnesota and roughly 50 miles northwest of the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan area.



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Brennan Construction of MN, LLC

Project: Northfield Public Library Renewal

Category: Institutional Construction - 1 to 5 Million

Brennan Construction was hired to build and renovate the Northfield Public Library. The original building is a Carnegie library building built in 1910. In 1984, an addition was put on the building. Due to growing demand, another addition was added as well as renovating the current spaces to fit the community better. This project included the addition of a glass atrium entryway, an enlarged paver patio and the Carnegie porch constructed for outdoor seating and wellness events. Other updates include space for new technology (computer and self-checkout stations), the Scriver small group meeting room, the Pye Room dedicated to Minnesota history and children play and learning zones.

The entire project is focused around how to care well for the Northfield Community by providing space for wellness, playing and learning. The Northfield Public Library has secured its future as the jewel of Northfield. It has won the hearts of the city due to its dedication to history, its push towards modern features and the staff's ability to meet the needs of the community. The Northfield Public Library has even recently been chosen by WCCO viewers as the Best Library in Minnesota!

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Erickson Builders & Co., Inc.

Project: Veterans Affairs Medical Center
Renovate Emergency Department
Category: Renovation - 1 - 5 Million

The Veterans Affairs Medical Center provides primary, emergency, specialty, mental and behavioral health, and extended care and rehabilitative care to over 80,000 veteran patients. The facility is located in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Erickson Builders and our subcontractors performed this project under a number of challenging conditions, such as, creating and maintaining a strict, coordinated schedule with the Veterans hospital staff, and utilizing innovative approaches to difficult problems while still maintaining the highest level of safety and security.

PYRAMID AWARD



Construction Engineers

Project: University of North Dakota School of Law

Category: Renovation - Over 5 Million

"Today we are in a much better place – a better place for our students, a better place for the legal profession, a better place for our law school community and a better place for the people of North Dakota because we are North Dakota's law school." This quote from Kathryn Rand, Dean of the University of North Dakota School of Law passionately describes the amazing transformation and renovation.

Originally built in 1922, and with only one major addition of a law library since that time, the UND School of Law was in dire need of more classrooms, collaboration space and modern technology. Construction manager, Construction Engineers along with ICON Architectural Group led the extensive remodel which included a new 16,000 SF three story addition and a nearly complete renovation of the 58,000 SF original law building and law library.

This \$12.5 million project was completed on time, within budget and with extreme quality and care for the students and staff. The new addition seamlessly connects three multi-story buildings, while the original interior space was upgraded to match the new addition. Improved educational spaces include a state-of-the-art teaching courtroom and a high-tech "case study" classroom.

North Dakota Supreme Court Chief Justice Gerald VandeWalle commented at the ribbon-cutting ceremony and referred to the unbelievable 15-month time frame and dubbed the project as the "miracle on University Avenue." He said, "After the groundbreaking ceremony one year ago, I told Dean Rand if you are in there by August it will be a miracle on University Avenue. Well it is a miracle on University Avenue in more ways than one. The fact that the building is here and on time is impressive."



ELECTRICAL COMMERCIAL

PYRAMID AWARD



Bergstrom Electric, Inc.

Project: NDSU STEM Building
Category: Electrical Commercial - Over 1 Million

The A. Glenn Hill Center on the North Dakota State University (NDSU) campus has been described as "stunning" and has delivered on its promise to be a state-of-the-art, student-focused, interactive learning environment for students in the STEM areas (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math).

The unique 119,200 square foot collaborative learning center is the first of its kind in North Dakota and includes 23 classrooms, 9 multi-disciplinary labs, and 13 collaborative work/study areas. It is estimated that 4,000- 5,000 students use the building daily.

The universal approach design required a great deal of flexibility and technology as rooms could be used by any instructor or department and needed to adapt to their style of instruction. The interior spaces have great flexibility with numerous white boards, video screens, and the ability to have students seated in groups instead of rows to encourage more interaction.

The electrical portion of the project included a 3,000 amp, 480 volt main switchgear, four distribution panels, a 250 kw, 480 volt, 3-phase generator, 68 branch panels, 135,000 feet of conduit, and 465,000 feet of wire. Bergstrom Electric crews also completely installed numerous systems for lighting control, fire alarm, security, data/communications, and temperature control.

Limited space on-site meant that contractors had to find street parking several blocks away every day and Bergstrom was only allowed two storage trailers on-site, which meant extensive coordination with suppliers to ensure the correct materials were available when needed.

A final challenge was that the main electrical room for the entire building was in the last section of the project to be completed. Bergstrom Electric crews had to wire and complete the smaller electrical rooms and most of the building without being able to power up and test areas as they were finished.

Bergstrom Electric utilized new software to electronically track changes to shop drawings saving time and money. The building opened for classes in January of 2016.

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Willmar Electric Service Corp.

Project: Bethesda Grand: Senior Living Community Addition

Category: Electrical Commercial - Over 1 Million

There is a shift occurring in long-term (nursing care and assisted living) and transitional care in our culture. Facilities are becoming less institutionalized (stark walls, tile/linoleum floors and florescent lighting) and transforming to a "home" environment look and feel. Bethesda in Willmar, MN recognized this change occurring and began to rethink and redesign their housing arrangements for individuals needing care, which includes full time nursing care, assisted living and transitional care. Willmar Electric Service partnered with the General Contractor, Welsh Construction to construct the 90,520 square foot new and renovated Bethesda Grand: Senior Living Community and Bethesda Club Suites: Transitional Therapy and Wellness. Throughout the project, Willmar Electric Service was able to provide value engineering, work on a condensed time frame, collaborate effectively with other trades to address design flaws, as well as proudly identify our work with an effective quality control program.

Upon completion of the project, Willmar Electric Service was able to successfully complete the electrical installation to help Bethesda accomplish their goal: Provide an environment "who cares for seniors, creates a community that focuses on enhancing quality of life and provides supportive services tailored to address individuals' physical and spiritual needs."

ABC INNOVATION AWARD

Willmar Electric Service has been implementing a company-wide effort to become more efficient in the way we do business. By implementing 2 Second Lean, looking at how to make small incremental improvements that quickly accumulate into a significant body of work, we have been able to innovatively increase our productivity. One of the simple 2 Second Leans implemented included placing a tote labeled with each room number and the prefabbed material in it for each room in the back left corner of each room. This ensured that whoever went into a room to install knew where the tote was and alleviated wasting time.

The other innovative idea came a quality control measure, as well. Each junction box is labeled with the location of circuits to the corresponding panel. However, it is also labeled on the wall beside the junction box, as well. This allows for future troubleshooting to be more efficient, too.

Simple measures, lead to great gain in the present, as well as in the future.

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Nor-Son, Inc

Project: Deerfield Family Retreat

Category: Residential - 1 - 5 Million

Behind every great lake home is a great story; a great family; and a great team. Such is the case with Minnetonka couple, Tim & Sherry, and their two children. After purchasing the family-owned Deerfield Resort in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, they retained Nor-Son to design and build a multi-generational retreat on the property. To respect long-time family memories and pay homage to the many vacationers who stayed at the resort, elements were salvaged from the main lodge, restaurant and cabins to incorporate into their vacation home.

Building a home two states away, eight hours from the office, in a state in which they had not built before, and within a different time zone, created multiple challenges for the project team. Finding qualified subcontractors, maintaining quality control, effective coordination and team communication were critical to the success of the project in fulfilling the client's vision. The successful completion of this project is a testament to a team's determination to overcome many limiting factors while mandating a strong safety record with new subcontractors who had never been held accountable to strict guidelines.

The team is pleased to announce a perfect safety record for the Deerfield Family Retreat, despite the amount of handcraftsmanship cutting and lifting log trusses 30-feet above and installation of over 15 ton of landscape rocks. Zero accidents among subcontractors with little or no safety knowledge and expectations of Merit shop-led contractors was an impressive feat to accomplish. The client's commented after completion of their home, "It's the small things, like bringing hard hats for our entire family to wear for the ground breaking and to keep for the duration of the project. Nor-Son set the tone of how this job site would be run."

RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY

HONORABLE MENTION



Stevens Construction Corp.

Project: NOLO Flats

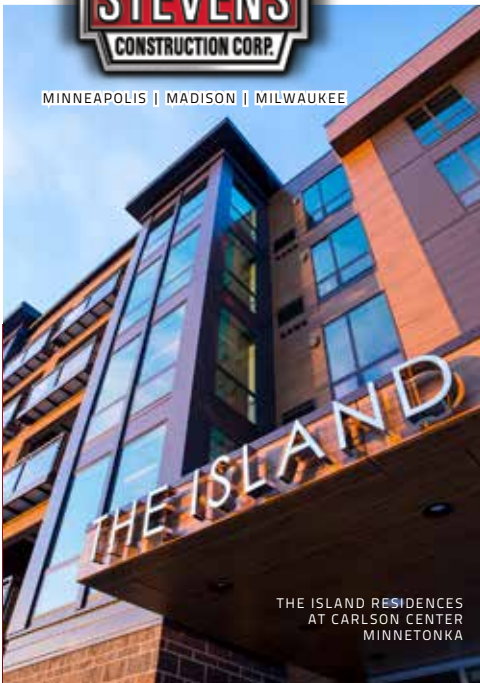
Category: Residential Multi-Family - Over 5 Million

NOLO Flats is a 71-unit luxury apartment dwelling located in the cutting edge North Loop neighborhood in downtown Minneapolis. Nestled amongst both residential new construction and historic lofts, NOLO incorporates a two-level parking garage, constructed of post-tensioned concrete elevated decks, and five levels of wood framed residential floors. The project is a joint venture owned by TE Miller Development of Eden Prairie, MN and Solhem Companies of Minneapolis, and was designed by Tushie Montgomery Architects of Minneapolis.



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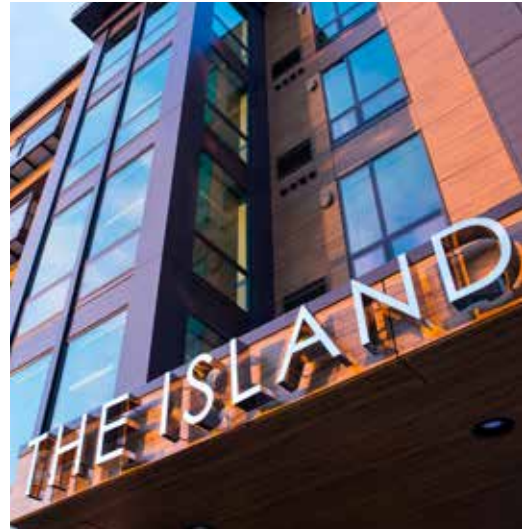


Stevens Construction Corp.

Project: The Island Residences at Carlson Center

Category: Residential Multi-Family

The Island project rests on a wooded, 12-acre private island, in the Carlson Business Center in Minnetonka, MN. The five-story, 174 unit wood-frame structure features a natural setting with sweeping views, underground parking, pool, sauna, outdoor fire-pit area and other stunning amenities. Constructed to meet "LEED for Homes Mid-Rise" design & performance criteria, the project included extensive wetland restoration to preserve the existing woodland and paved walking trails around the island. The project is owned by High Street Residential, a subsidiary of Trammell Crow Company, and joint venture partner Principal Real Estate Investors, and was designed by ESG Architects, Inc. of Minneapolis.



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Wieser Brothers General Contractor, Inc.

Project: The Park in Kutzky Neighborhood
Category: Residential Multi-Family - Over 5 Million

The Park in Kutzky Neighborhood is Rochester's newest luxury apartment building. The 4-story, 90-unit complex is located in the distinguished Kutzky Park Neighborhood, just steps from downtown and the St. Mary's district. Offering furnished studios and unfurnished 1 and 2 bedroom apartments, as well as Workforce Housing units, the complex was designed with modern features and amenities. The energy efficient luxury building offers a rooftop garden terrace with BBQ, three community rooms, 24/7 accessible fitness center, secure heated underground parking, and top-notch security. In addition to the extensive amenities offered to its residents, the building is situated along the Cascade Creek and Park and connected to Rochester's extensive bike trail system.

The concept of The Park in Kutzky Neighborhood luxury apartment building began as a need to provide additional living options in close proximity to the downtown district and bring life to a unique, aging neighborhood. Gerrard Corporation, along with Wieser Brothers General Contractor, Inc. and numerous subcontractors and suppliers brought that vision to life. The entire complex, both East and West towers, was completed in an aggressive sixteen month timeframe.

The end result of the collaborative effort was a beautiful sustainable building, built in a neighborhood setting, fulfilling the vision of the Kutzky Neighborhood Committee, while creating 90 new rental options for the booming Rochester area.

MEGA-PROJECTS

HONORABLE MENTION



Fagen, Inc.

Project: Marquis Energy – 120 MGY Ethanol Plant, Hennepin, IL
Category: Mega-Projects

In October of 2014, Fagen, Inc. began construction of a 120 million gallon per year modified ethanol facility in Hennepin, Illinois. Owner Marquis Energy chose Fagen, Inc. to serve as the full EPC contractor for what is now the largest dry-mill ethanol facility in the United States.

Fagen, Inc. also built Marquis Energy's original ethanol plant in Hennepin in 2007-2008. The two plants are adjacent to one another and have a combined production capacity exceeding 300 million gallons per year. They are strategically located near several interstate highways, freight networks and the Illinois River. This prime spot makes transportation of the plant's products efficient and economical, allowing Marquis Energy to be a leading national and global distributor. Fagen, Inc. was proud to partner with Marquis Energy in yet another project that helps secure energy independence for America.

The Marquis Energy project was valued at over \$150,000,000, with Fagen, Inc. self-performing 90% of the entire project. The project was completed on time and under budget, with zero lost time injuries and exemplary safety statistics. The facility ground its first corn on January 9 of 2016, and followed with substantial completion in February of 2016.



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Wanzek Construction, Inc.

Project: Los Vientos III-V Wind Project

Category: Mega-Projects

Located on the Southern-most tip of Texas, less than 10 miles from Mexico, Los Vientos Wind Farm broke ground four years ago with Los Vientos I and II. With the completion of Los Vientos III-V, 426 turbines are spinning and providing 900 MW of clean energy to customers in Texas. Wanzek was the contractor for all phases of this Duke Energy project. The project resulted in the company's highest project production numbers. Tracked through Wanzek's Labor Production Reports, numbers exceeded estimates for all phases. Production gains increased significantly through all phases of the project.

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Grazzini Brothers & Company

Project: Treasure Island Resort & Casino Pool Expansion
Category: Specialty Contracting –
Tile, Flooring, Wall Covering & Painting

Treasure Island Resort & Casino, located in Welch, Minnesota, opened its new 40,000 square foot waterpark on Feb. 9, 2016.

The \$19 million project has a 320-foot-long lazy river with rapids, a waterfall and an island. There are two 276-foot-long body slides, an 80-foot-long zero-depth plunge pool, an adult-only pool, indoor / outdoor hot tubs and the Barefoot Bar – the only swim-up bar in Minnesota. Also built was a 2,700 square foot full-service WaveSpa.

Grazzini Brothers & Company installed all the contemporary design ceramic floor and wall tile in the Lagoon Waterpark and Barefoot Bar, WaveSpa, hallway, and two restrooms. Grazzini Brothers also installed large ceramic panels that created a cornucopia of color in the fitness center.

Mark Miranda, Project Manager, stated that one of the biggest obstacle to overcome was the large format tile that had to be installed over 25 feet high in some areas using a “puzzle system.” Careful attention to detail overcame this obstacle.

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