

Member Milestones

Builders Association Members received recognition from the Chicago Building Congress at the 52nd Annual Merit Awards Program. [Pepper Construction Co.](#) won for New Construction-Chicago with its Information Commons at Loyola University, [W.B. Olson](#) won for New Construction-Suburbs with its Ravinia Festival New Dining Facility and [George Sollitt Construction Company](#) won Rehab Construction with its work on Orland Park's Police Headquarters.

Finalists for the category of Projects Under \$10 Million were [Pepper Construction](#) with its Evelyn Pease Tyner Interpretive Center and [Bulley & Andrews](#) with its Mitzi Freidheim Englewood Child and Family Center.

Bill Thomas, Project Executive of [McShane Construction](#), was recently given the Outstanding General Construction Council Representative of 2007-08 award from ASA Chicago (Association of Subcontractors and Affiliates).

[McShane Construction](#) completed the aloft Hotel in Rosemont this summer. The new six-story, 251-room luxury hotel is mere minutes from O'Hare International Airport and boasts an above ground pedestrian walkway that connects the hotel to the adjacent parking structure. The 129,250 square foot hotel property is in Rosemont's new entertainment district. Other amenities include a large lobby with registration and guest services, a cocktail bar, a fitness center, an indoor pool, and a 24-hour one-stop food and beverage center. The "aloft" is known as the original "wired" brand. This is the first aloft property in the Midwest recognized as a spin off of the W Hotels brand.

[James McHugh Construction Company](#) has promoted Steve Wiley to vice president of preconstruction. Wiley has worked for McHugh since 2005 as a project executive. Wiley expanded and streamlined McHugh's networks of prices, suppliers and cost databases. He also worked to shift the company's databases to electronic-based documentation to best utilize the Internet in preconstruction. His use of technology allowed him to increase the ability to track and audit data.



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[Clark Construction Group](#) promoted Dave Trolan to Vice President. Trolan has been with Clark since 1994, when he joined the company as a Project Engineer. As Superintendent, he's led projects at McCormick Place South Hall, McCormick Place Hyatt and Midway Airport. He was also Project Executive on the construction of a new North American headquarters for Takeda Pharmaceuticals.

In Northbrook, [Valenti Builders, Inc.](#) recently completed a project at 1363 Shermer Road. The 33,000 square foot 3-story building houses fully furnished and professionally decorated shared office suites. The offices boast state-of-the art telephone systems, high-speed internet access, video conferencing, secre-



Loyola University's Information Commons, a Chicago Building Congress Merit Award winner for Pepper Construction Company.

tarial and administrative services, conference rooms, and indoor parking. In addition, a future café is being planned for the first floor.

[Valenti Builders, Inc.](#) has completed the Grossinger Autoplex in Lincolnwood. This project required a renovation as well as an addition to the original site. The 18,200 square foot addition includes a partial basement and partial mezzanine. The addition also houses a new showroom, parts department and Quick Lube area. They also converted 20,500 square feet of vacant space into a new service area complete with 35 bays as well as an auto butler. The exterior of the building was replaced with a new metal panel system. Also, granite floor tiles and metal framing with a Renaissance stone façade were added to the Cadillac showroom. By working in two major phases, Valenti managed to finish this project while the building was occupied.

[James McHugh Construction Co.](#) has started construction on Streeter Place, a 54-story luxury apartment tower located at 355 E. Ohio. This new addition to the Gold Coast area features 480 apartments with a 402-space parking garage, approximately 10,000 sq. ft of retail space, business services center, fitness center with two indoor spas, outdoor swimming pool, and landscaping. The building will be completed by November 2009.

[Clark Construction Group](#) served as the lead partner in the McCormick Place West expansion, which achieved LEED certification and is now the largest LEED certified new construction building in the nation. Among the sustainable components of the building were the construction of a stormwater tunnel connecting to Lake Michigan and carpets and paints that improve indoor air quality. Seventy-five percent of the construction debris created from the project was recyclable.