

Construction, Design & Engineering News

Taylor Kohrs continues Tri-State Generation work

Taylor Kohrs is completing two more projects for the Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, a Touchstone Energy cooperative. Taylor Kohrs previously completed four other projects for the association.

The newest projects include the headquarters canopy structure in Westminster, and the site work and parking canopy at the association's Cimarron, N.M., maintenance facility. The work at the Westminster headquarters will include the construction of a new 2,600-square-foot steel parking canopy structure, concrete piers, and site electrical for lighting and future vehicle charging stations. It is scheduled for completion this month. Work at the Cimarron site will include construction of new 6,500-sf steel parking canopy structure, site grading, stabilization and drainage improvements, and a perimeter security fence and gate access. It is scheduled for completion in January.

Previously, Taylor Kohrs completed a new Tri-State ground-up maintenance facility in Brush, a maintenance facility remodel in Kremmling, site drainage and landscape improvements at its Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport facility, and a combined office and garage bay addition in Rio Rancho, N.M.

Taylor Kohrs LLC is a Colorado general contractor providing expertise in recreational, retail, corporate office, multifamily, educational, municipal, biotech, high-tech, site development and tenant finish projects. Taylor Kohrs LLC was established in Colorado in 1983 and has completed more than \$1 billion worth of projects throughout the Rocky

Mountain Region.▲

Northern Electric wins electrical contract

Northern Electric Inc. recently was awarded the electrical construction contract for the new Trenton Railport Transload terminal in Trenton, N.D. The owner of the terminal is Savage Services Corp., which expects to employ as many as 150 people in various capacities during the construction process.

The Trenton Railport will be served by the BSNF Railway and is being designed to bring large-scale rail service to the Bakken Formation. It will accommodate oil-field related materials such as tubular, frac sand and other strategic material, including the capability to load and ship unit trains of crude oil. Savage believes the Bakken's oil and gas resource potential is significant and strategic in strengthening America's energy independence.▲

Alliance Construction delivers Thompson Valley EMS Station

Alliance Construction Solutions has successfully completed the Thompson Valley Emergency Medical Services headquarters building and Station No. 350. The project was completed five weeks ahead of original contract, according to Alliance Construction President Bill Joyner. Located in Loveland, the 14,000-square-foot facility features a crew living area, garage, TVEMS administrative offices and educational facilities. It is one of five stations operated by TVEMS that provide emergency medical services, EMT education and training, and job safety training in the areas it serves.

"Alliance expresses its appreciation to all our subcontractors

and partners who made possible the early completion of this quality project," said Joyner.

John Freeman of Freeman Architects in Loveland was project architect. Alliance partner/owner Jeremy Nothdurft was project manager and superintendent.

Alliance Construction Solutions is a full-service general contractor with offices in Loveland, Denver and Cheyenne, Wyo.▲

AIA Denver names Habitat design-build contest winners

AIA Denver, in partnership with CAD-1 Inc., administered a design-build competition for Habitat for Humanity of Colorado. The local Habitat for Humanity affiliate selected to participate in this first design-build competition is Blue Spruce Habitat for Humanity.

The winning team includes Molly Blakley, Associate AIA; Alan Ford, AIA; Kathy Ford, AIA; and Matt Weaver, Associate AIA. The architect of record is Denver-based Alan Ford Architects PC, which will be awarded a \$5,000 stipend to complete construction documents.

In the spring, Blue Spruce Habitat for Humanity will break ground on a duplex for two families in Kittredge, furthering the Habitat for Humanity of Colorado mission to create simple, decent, affordable housing.

"Keeping the solutions simple and easy to build with volunteer labor was a primary objective. This was important both for affordability and buildability," Alan Ford, AIA, said. "Given the small square footage of the home, it was critical to keep circulation down and functional efficiency high – and considering that the design had the potential for being repeated, we set out to make the

design solution adaptable to different sites."

Blue Spruce Habitat for Humanity and AIA Denver are each fund raising to build one-half of the duplex. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact AIA Denver for more information. EVstudio will donate the required engineering (structural, mechanical, civil) for the winning design. GE Johnson Construction Co. provided cost estimation services for the winning design. BCER Engineering provided energy modeling.▲

W.E. O'Neil wins several construction projects

W.E. O'Neil Construction Company of Colorado was selected as the general contractor to oversee five new projects throughout Colorado. W.E. O'Neil was chosen by national retailer Ross Dress for Less to manage the 24,000-square-foot remodel of existing space inside the Glenwood Mall in Glenwood Springs.

W.E. O'Neil also was selected by both Urban Frontier LLC and ZG Asset Management to oversee separate projects that include a remodel of the historic Flatiron Theatre in Boulder and selected office space.

Brocade Communication selected W.E. O'Neil to oversee the construction of a new data center at its Broomfield campus. The project will feature extensive electrical and mechanical work and will be handled by the Advanced Technology Group of W.E. O'Neil.

Children's Hospital Colorado also is working with W.E. O'Neil in the construction of a new 20,000-sf therapy center in Broomfield. The new center will open in 2012 and is located at U.S. 36 and Wadsworth Boulevard.

W.E. O'Neil is a member of the 86-year-old O'Neil Industries Inc. family of employee-owned construction companies.▲

27 graduate from the Turner School of Construction Mgmt.

Turner's Colorado office, in partnership with the Daniel's College of Business at the University of Denver, recently held a graduation ceremony for 27 graduates of the Turner School of Construction Management program. This course was offered free of charge to small-, minority- and women-owned businesses in the Denver metro area.

The eight-week course began in September with classes being held every Tuesday evening in Daniel's College of Business at the University of Denver. Turner's Denver Business Unit, in conjunction with the University of Denver (co-sponsor) has hosted this course for the last 11 years.

Courses were led by various business professionals, including Turner staff members as well as a construction lawyer from Moye White. Topics included: green building, project delivery systems, how to run your business, how to get paid, estimating/procurement, building information modeling, scheduling, accounting, field operations, safety, sales and marketing.

The Turner School of Construction Management is the oldest community outreach program in Turner's history. It was initiated in 1969, one year after its Affirmative Action Department was created. The program started in the Cleveland office and was such a success that it has become an annual program held throughout the company. Today, the program is offered in more than 30 Turner business units.▲

CDE Who's News

American Institute of Architects Colorado announced its 2012 board of directors: President **Ernest Joyner, AIA**; President-elect **Mike Wisneski, AIA**; Past president **Steven Schonberger, AIA**; Treasurer **Gail Pelsue, AIA**; Treasurer-elect **Angela Tirri Van Do, AIA**; and Secretary **Kevin Eronimous, AIA**.▲

Pinkard Construction Co. and **RNL** received a **Design-Build Excellence Award** from the **Design-Build Institute of America** for the Central Platte Campus for the city and county of Denver's Public Works Department. The project was honored for effective design-build teaming that exceeded the owner's needs. A jury of design-build experts met at DBIA's Washington, D.C., headquarters in June to review the submissions. Although the awards program received more than 100 submissions in 11 categories, only 21 projects were honored by DBIA with an award.

The Denver Central Platte Campus was a \$28 million fixed-price design-build competition for the Denver Public Works Department. A collaborative design-build process was successfully employed to achieve optimal efficiency and a compelling design aesthetic,

according to RNL Senior Principal **Dick Shiffer, AIA, LEED AP**. The Central Platte facility exhibits the seamless coupling of sustainable design with superior functionality, while establishing a well-organized circulation plan for the 18-acre campus. At 105,000 square feet, the Denver Central Platte Campus achieved LEED-NC Gold.

"Pinkard has always been a client-focused design-builder," said Jim Pinkard, president and chief executive officer. "National recognition from the Design-Build Institute of America helps to reinforce that we are progressing in our goal to provide the best preconstruction and design-build services in our region."

Team members sharing in this award include RNL architects, Maintenance Design Group (maintenance/equipment design), Ambient Energy (sustainability consultant), MKK Consulting Engineers Inc. (mechanical and electrical engineering), Lund Partnership Inc. (civil engineering) and Zeiler-Pennock Inc. (structural engineering).▲

Dana Humphreys recently joined **Hyder Construction** as marketing manager. She holds a master's degree in rhetoric and professional communica-



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tion from the University of Iowa and a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Colorado at Boulder. She has four years of marketing experience in the commercial construction industry, including creative project management, strategic planning, communications and public relations. Humphreys also is chairwoman of the Society for Marketing Professional Services Colorado Chapter's Communications Committee.▲

David G. Huelskamp was named president of **Merrick & Co.**, effective Jan. 3.

Huelskamp will be responsible for the operations of the company and several corporate support functions within the organization. Huelskamp has been with Merrick for more than 15 years, and most



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recently he held the role of senior vice president for business development. He holds an engineering degree from the U.S. Air Force Academy and a Master of Business Administration from Arizona State University.▲

The **Society for Design Administration Denver Chapter** elected the following to its board of directors for the 2011-2012 year: President **Jennifer HinkleyKarnisky, CDFA, H+L Architecture**; Past president **Debra Ellis, CDFA, Barker Rinker Seacat Architecture**; Vice president **Pam Loomis, CDFA, Anderson Mason Dale Architects**; Treasurer **Kay Riley, SDA, MKK Consulting Engineers Inc.**; and Secretary **Jenifer Clemens, SDA, Van Gilder Insurance**.▲

Rowland+Broughton Architecture and Urban Design welcomed several new staff members to its Aspen and Denver offices:

Scott McHale, LEED AP, project manager, has more than 17 years of experience; he utilizes his talent as a designer and his ability to manage project teams from inception to conclusion, and integrates them with his passion for sustainable practice. McHale holds a Bachelor of Architecture degree from

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, College of Architecture & Urban Studies in Blacksburg, Va.

Todd Biekkola, AIA, LEED AP, architect, joined the Denver team. He has more than 15 years of experience in architecture. Originally from Minneapolis, Biekkola moved to Colorado in 2004, working on luxury/custom single-family homes, multifamily custom condominiums, affordable housing and various public projects in the Vail Valley. He received his Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Minnesota.▲

Meghann Pullen joined the firm working in marketing and business development. She has six years of experience with an international engineering firm. Pullen attended Colorado State University, earning her Bachelor of Science in business administration with a concentration in marketing.

Also joining the firm in Aspen are **Brian Rubenstein**, architectural intern; **Sarah Nyman**, interior design intern; **Charlie Thornton**, architectural intern; and **Will Otte**, architectural intern. In Denver, new team members include **Jayna Kline, ASID**, interior designer, and **Ryan Wallace, AIA, LEED AP**, architect.▲