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RAC wins ABC Merit Awards

Roy Anderson Corp was awarded three Mississippi Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) Merit Awards in their annual competition. Through this program, the Mississippi ABC honors contractors whose work exemplifies a high degree of quality. Entries were judged by the Mississippi State University School of Architecture on a basis of difficulty of construction, unusual features, contract time, budget, safety, and quality of construction.

AND THE WINNERS ARE:

Island View Casino Resort—Gulfport, MS. After Hurricane Katrina struck the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Harrah's Entertainment sold

their heavily damaged Gulfport property to Gulfside Casino Partnership who immediately began a massive renovation and construction project to convert the former Oasis



Hotel into the City of Gulfport's first land-based casino. Phase I of this resort featured a completely renovated 7-story, 420,000 sq. ft., 560-room hotel. The first floor was converted into 23,000 sq. ft. of gaming space, a 350-seat buffet, retail shops and operation facilities. Phase II was to build a new 100,000 sq.

ft. structural steel expansion to the casino. This structure attached to the first floor of the hotel and opened up with intricately de-

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signed 22' high ceilings. Exterior construction consisted of a hardiplank exterior with several cupolas, gables, and a bituminous membrane roof system. This addition consisted of 55,000 square feet of gaming space bringing the total to 78,000 all under one roof. Finishes in the expansion consist of several types of natural stone tile and tops, terrazzo floors, ceramic tile, carpet, decorative glass features, two waterfalls and several colored resin divider panels. Entertainment in the structure includes Emeril Lagasse's Gulf Coast Fish House, C&G's Grille Restaurant, View Bar and Stage, and several high limit areas. In Phase III, a new 4-story, 658-space concrete parking garage with a connector and a new entrance for the casino area was added. This multi-phased project was completed in 16 months.

One Hancock Plaza Renovation—Gulfport, MS. This 15-story mixed-use building received a complete renovation following Hurricane Katrina. The core received an upgrade of all mechanical and electrical systems. The



four existing elevators underwent an extensive modernization process and a fifth elevator was installed in a vacant shaft in the elevator lobby. The shell received built-up bitumen roofs on the penthouse, 5th and 3rd floor roofs. A curtain wall system was installed. Large missile impact glass was installed on floors 1-8 and small missile impact glass was in-

stalled on floors 9-15. The exterior was decorated with a glass fiber reinforced concrete (GFRC) panel package and new canopies. The park area received landscaping, stamped concrete, travertine and a fountain with the trademark Hancock Bank lighthouse made out of brick pavers. A fifth level was added to the parking garage. The 1st floor consists of a lobby and Hancock Bank branch both complete with Turkish travertine and detailed trim and millwork. An atrium area on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd floors is enclosed in glass walls with glass handrails, a smoke fan and evacuation system, two new water features, and a skylight. Atrium work was performed off scaffolding with an open area from the 1st to 3rd floor. All 167 pieces of GFRC were flown to their proper positions with a crane and attached to the structural steel by two steel erectors safely attached to the steel itself. Every piece of large missile impact glass on floors 1-8 had to be installed from the outside by working off of a swing stage. Large electrical or mechanical equipment had to be flown to the roof or through a window on the 3rd floor.



St. Patrick's Catholic School—Biloxi, MS. This 93,478 square foot project consists of a two story classroom and administration building and a single story building which houses the gymnasium, cafeteria, band room and audi-

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RAC / Studio South Win National Award

The Design-Build Team of Roy Anderson Corp and Studio South Architects received a Honor Award for a project submitted to the 2007 Naval Facilities Engineering Command Design Awards Program. The Bachelors Enlisted Quarters at the Naval Air Station in Marietta, Georgia, received one of only two honor awards given at this year's national



competition. The NAVFAC Design Awards Program seeks to recognize specific design achievements by the design community, promote design excellence in both the built and natural environment, and demonstrate responsible stewardship of public resources.



NOTEABLE PROJECTS



**Air Cargo Facility /
Gulfport Biloxi Airport
— Gulfport, MS**



**Gulfport Yacht Club
—Gulfport, MS**



**D'Iberville High
School —
D'Iberville, MS**

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torium. Two courtyards, a chapel with a large stained glass window, and a statue of St. Patrick lie in the center of the campus. This new school was built to merge two existing Catholic Schools which were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina - St. John in Gulfport and Mercy Cross in Biloxi. This project was completed 2½ months ahead of schedule which allowed the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi to begin the school year in the new facility at the regularly scheduled time. Features include 34 classrooms, a library and media center, 49 security cameras, and state of the art gym, band room, and auditorium. The school's band room is complete with two soundproof solo rooms and two ensemble rooms. The science labs are equipped to handle chemical odors through a specialized ventilation system.



SAFETY...It's the Lifeline of our Business

At the Mississippi Associated Builders and Contractors Merit and Safety Banquet held on Friday, November 2, 2007, in Jackson, MS, Roy Anderson Corp won the following safety awards:

GOLD LEVEL AWARD

In recognition of Roy Anderson Corp's achievements in creating a safe workplace and our continued efforts in the development of a sound safety program.

STEP PLATINUM AWARD

ABC's highest level of excellence in construction safety is recognized by the Platinum Award. Applicants submit safety records which are graded against the highest construction industry safety standards. Applicants must achieve ABC's Safety Training and Evaluation Process (STEP) Program Golf Level for two consecutive years to be eligible for this Platinum Award.

Pictured L-R: Chris Smith—Project Engineer, Mark McDaniel—Vice President, Operations, Kim Green—Project Accountant, Deana Rogers Kalmbach—Project Manager, Gina Dambrino Davis—Director of Marketing, Geoffrey Knesal—Assistant Project Manager.



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