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## HURRICANE KATRINA HITS HOME

On Monday, August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina made landfall on the Mississippi Gulf Coast destroying the majority of our coastline, wiping out homes and businesses. The next day Roy Anderson Corp had a skeleton crew back at work getting things up and running to prepare for the rebuilding of our home. The corporate headquarters sustained minor water damage while the warehouse lost its roof and the storage area was destroyed.



Computers were back up in 2 days and within the following week, contracts were obtained for Gulfport City Schools, Hancock Bank's Corpo-

rate Office and branches, Hancock County Schools, Grand Casino Biloxi, Casino Magic Bay St. Louis and a host of other projects.

While employees dealt with their own personal situations, they also made a commitment to Roy Anderson Corp and our community to rebuild.

What was lost in one morning, will take years to recover. Roy Anderson Corp will be

there to pick up the pieces of our beloved home and improve the quality of life and economic standards along the entire Gulf South region.

## RAC Celebrates 50 Years of Performance

FIFTY  
1955



YEARS  
2005

# ABC Merit Award Winners

Roy Anderson Corp was awarded Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) Merit Awards in the 2004-2005 competition. Through this program, the Mississippi ABC honors contractors whose work exemplifies a high degree of quality. Entries were judged by the Mississippi State School of Architecture on a basis of difficulty of construction, unusual features, contract time, budget, safety and quality of construction

## AND THE WINNERS ARE.....

**HARD ROCK HOTEL AND CASINO—Biloxi, MS.** Located on 8.5 acres on the Gulf of Mexico, this resort consists of an 11-story,



306-room luxury hotel, casino, and parking garage, as well as a spa, retail and restaurant areas. Prominent features of this resort are the Hard Rock

Live music venue with 1,500 seats and state-of-the-art sound and video equipment, a 1600 car parking garage, a pool with beach area and a nightclub on the top floor of the hotel. Visitors to the resort are greeted by the tallest Hard Rock sign in the world, a 112-foot high Peavey Guitar that sits in front of the hotel. With 6,210 feet of neon, it takes 1.5 million volts of electricity to illuminate the sign which includes an exhaust system to circulate air in the sign's interior. Restaurants inside the resort include Hard Rock Café, Ruth's Chris Steak House,

Acme Oyster House, Vibe – Food & Spirits, a 450-seat buffet, a 24-hour grill, Starbucks and a Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream Shop. Level 12 Ultra-lounge features two bars, European-style bottle service, a world-class sound system and a wrap around balcony and deck. More than \$3,800,000 in rock and roll memorabilia is placed throughout the resort.

**HILTON GARDEN INN COMMERCE—New Orleans, LA.** The First National Bank of Commerce and Commerce Building Addition are comprised of a 1926-27 classically styled early skyscraper and a 1956 International Style skyscraper. This design-build project was the renovation of the former Commerce Building, an obsolete office building, converting it into a new 155 room Hilton hotel. The building is 18 stories with the hotel occupying the basement, 1st floor, and floors 11 through 18. The lower floors include an existing parking garage that remained in operation for the duration of the project. Hotel amenities include 2,000 square feet of meeting space, a full service restaurant, cocktail lounge, and a roof top pool. The project also included a new atrium in the center of this existing concrete structure. This project is the first ever with an exterior curtain wall system eligible to receive tax credits for historical preservation from the National Park Service.

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NOTE: Project photographs were taken prior to Hurricane Katrina.

# Habitat Home Still Standing



As part of our 50th Anniversary celebration and ongoing community involvement, RAC partnered with several subcontractors and vendors and were in the process of building a Habitat for Humanity home in Biloxi. Siding work had begun and drywall had just been completed the Thursday before Hurricane Katrina hit.



We are glad to report the Habitat Home is still standing! This home is



south of the railroad tracks and 3 blocks from the beach. Although it took a beating, as you can see from the picture to the left, the water line is at about 4 feet and it was full of debris. This is amazing as most of the homes around this area were completely destroyed.

Many thanks to the following for their contributions to this home and our community: Aladdin Construction Co., Bailey Lumber, Coast Concrete, Delta Sanitation, Haynes Electric Co., Industrial Corrosion Control Inc., James B. Donaghey Inc., Mandal's Inc., Sanders-Hyland and Portable Services.

Construction is set to resume as soon as possible.

# Around the MS Gulf Coast



PERFORMANCE

# KATRINA—BEFORE AND AFTER



Boomtown  
Casino—  
Biloxi

Grand Casino  
Resort—  
Gulfport



Hard Rock  
Hotel and Casino—  
Biloxi

Casino Magic  
Resort—  
Biloxi



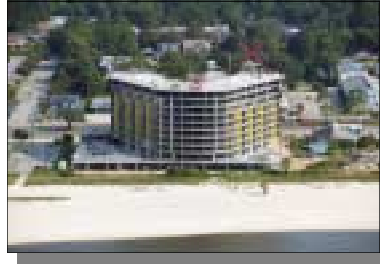
Grand Casino Resort—Biloxi

## Sea Breeze Condominiums Topped Out

The Sea Breeze Condominium project located in Biloxi, Mississippi celebrated its "Topping Out" on Friday, August 19, 2005. This 11-story, 101-condominium resort will include two, three and four bedroom penthouses each with a view of the Gulf of Mexico. All have spacious, private balconies off the living room and/or master bedroom, a separate shower and whirlpool tub in every master bath, plush carpet, imported tile, and granite countertops.

The Terrace Level offers a gathering/meeting/media entertainment area, catering kitchen, exercise and fitness room, outdoor pool, hot tub, covered grilling areas, 12 private pool-side cabanas which will include a wet bar, a/c, cable connection and a bathroom with shower. This project also includes bi-level controlled-access parking with 275 spaces including assigned, covered and handicap.

While this project received damage from Hurricane Katrina, crews are working hard to get this back in order.



## Recently Awarded Projects

Following Hurricane Katrina, Roy Anderson Corp acquired the following hurricane repair work:

Boomtown Casino—Biloxi  
Casino Magic—Bay St. Louis  
Grand Casino Resort—Biloxi  
Hancock County Schools  
Hard Rock Hotel and Casino—Biloxi  
Imperial Palace—Biloxi  
John Fayard Warehouse  
Memorial Hospital at Gulfport  
Pass Christian Schools

### Hancock Bank

15-story Office Building—Gulfport  
Highway 90 Branch—Biloxi  
Pass Christian Branch  
Bay St. Louis Branch

### The Peoples Bank

30th Avenue Branch—Gulfport  
Long Beach Branch  
Pass Christian Branch

### Mississippi State Port at Gulfport

Dole Fresh Fruits  
Chiquita Bananas

### City of Gulfport

City Hall  
Fire Stations  
Police Stations  
Community Centers  
Public Piers  
Gulfport Centennial Museum

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

At the Mississippi Associated Builders and Contractors Merit and Safety Banquet held on Friday, November 4, 2005, Roy Anderson Corp won the following safety awards:

## 2005 GOLD LEVEL

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.

## 2005 STEP PLATINUM AWARD

ABC's highest level of excellence in construction safety is recognized by the Platinum Award. Applicants submit safety records that are graded against the highest construction industry safety standards. Applicants must achieve ABC's Safety Training and Evaluation Process (STEP) Program gold level for two consecutive years to be eligible for the Platinum Award. Platinum Award winners are eligible for a partnering agreement with OSHA that provides special benefits to the company.



Representing Roy Anderson Corp at this years banquet were (pictured left to right): Meng Chai—Vice President , Operations, Dick Ayres—Area Safety Coordinator, Chuck Dudenhefer—Project Manager, Andy Grayson—Project Manager, Stan Wielgosz—Project Manager, Gina Dambrino Davis—Director of Marketing, Mark McDaniel—Vice President, Operations and Julie Mitchell, guest. Not pictured: Don Roberts—Vice President.

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