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## ROY ANDERSON CORP WINS U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AWARD

For efforts to promote equal employment opportunities, Roy Anderson Corp was recognized by the United States Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) at an annual awards ceremony hosted by Labor Secretary Elaine L. Chao on Wednesday, November 15, 2006 in Washington, D.C.

Roy Anderson Corp was awarded a 2006 Department of Labor Exemplary Voluntary Efforts (EVE) Award to acknowledge innovative workplace programs and initiatives that increase equal employment opportunity for the American workforce. Only two other Federal Contractors received this award: Goldman Sachs & Company of New York City and Armed Forces Bank of Fort Lewis, Washington.

"Our country has benefited greatly from the emphasis on individual achievement and equal opportunity for all," said Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao. "These organizations we are recognizing today, have made a special commitment to ensuring equal opportunities in the workplace."

The Secretary of Labor's Opportunity Award was awarded to Texas A&M University for its innovative programs and initiatives designed to ensure equal opportunities for all applicants and employees.

OFCCP also recognized two public interest organizations with Exemplary Public Interest Contribution Awards for their support of federal contractors in their EEO efforts. These organizations are typically formed to help individuals with the least opportunities find and retain employment, and are often aligned with federal contractors to further EEO in the workplace. The recipients were Focus: HOPE of Detroit and HireAbility of Blackwood, N.J.



OFCCP, an agency of the U.S. Labor Department's Employment Standards Administration, enforces Executive Order 11246 and other laws that prohibit employment discrimination by federal

contractors. The agency monitors federal contractors to ensure they provide equal employment opportunities without regard to race, gender, color, religion, national origin, disability or veterans' status.

Pictured L-R: Charles E. James, Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary for Federal Contract Compliance; Clara Martin, EEO Compliance Specialist—Roy Anderson Corp; Debbie Bermond, Vice President, Human Resources—Roy Anderson Corp; The Honorable Elaine Chao, U.S. Secretary of Labor; Victoria Lipnic, Assistant Secretary for Employment Standards.

# Project Updates

## ISLAND VIEW CASINO RESORT— Gulfport, MS.

After Hurricane Katrina struck the Mississippi Gulf Coast in August 2005, 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 new casino resort features 1035 slot machines and 14 table games in the 30,000 square foot casino, a renovated 562-room hotel with the addition of a 350-seat buffet restaurant which opened to the public in September 2006. Phase II will include an expansion to the existing structure providing for a total of 2,400 slot machines, 50 table games, two restaurants, feature bars and lounges and a resort style pool area. Scheduled completion of this phase will be Spring 2007. *Architect: Friedmutter Group.*

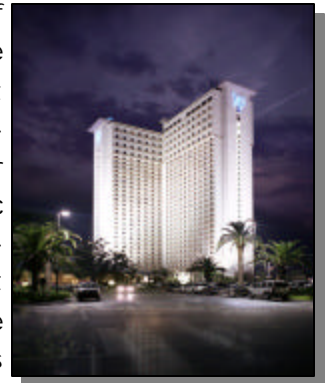
[www.islandviewcasino.com](http://www.islandviewcasino.com)

## IP HOTEL AND CASINO—Biloxi, MS.

Hurricane Katrina decimated the Gulf Coast and the IP Hotel and Casino Resort was no exception with extensive wind and storm surge damages. Only days after the storm had blown through, reconstruction commenced on this devastated property to repair and enhance this Biloxi Resort. Phase I work included demolition of storm debris and building materials dam-

aged beyond repair and reconstruction based on a completely new modern design. Work included reconstructing the Pavilion, Player's Club, Registration, VIP Registration, Retail Shops, Valet, Baggage and Back of House Operation offices. Phase I also included demolition of the existing buffet on the second level of the casino barge and complete reconstruction based on new design. In addition, all three levels of the casino were remodeled and new finishes installed. Phase I completed on December 22, 2005, less than four months subsequent to Katrina's devastation and, as the first casino back in operation, provided some normalcy to the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Phase II kicked-off immediately after the opening of the resort and included a luxurious spa, pool bar remodel, an exotic and elegant steakhouse restaurant called Carnaval de Brasil, Highlights Sports Bar and Casual Restaurant, a state of the art ultra lounge named Chill, Infusion Coffee House, renovation of all 48-suites on the top three floors of the hotel tower, and remodel of the fine dining restaurant, Level 32, on top floor of the hotel tower, and various and sundry other miscellaneous projects throughout the property. *Architect: Friedmutter Group.*



[www.ipbiloxi.com](http://www.ipbiloxi.com)

**This project won a 2006 Mississippi Associated Builders and Contractors Merit Award.**

## Ocean Sciences Lab Breaks Ground

On Wednesday, November 1, 2006, a ground breaking ceremony was held for the Naval Oceanographic Offices' Ocean Sciences Laboratory Complex at Stennis Space Center in Hancock County, MS. This new 171,000 sq. ft., two-story steel frame structure will consolidate 200 employees in addition to several of NAVOCEANO's offices



and services, including Ocean Sensor Calibration, Shipboard Configuration Center and Systems Integration, Pressure Vessel, Glider, Optics and Engineering Sonar Laboratories. NAVOCEANO provides oceanographic products and services to all elements of the Department of Defense. This complex is scheduled to open in the fall of 2008. *Architect: Studio South Architects.* Pictured left: Guest Speaker—The Honorable Trent Lott, U.S. Senator

## NOTEABLE PROJECTS



Sea Breeze  
Condominiums—  
Biloxi, MS



Harbor Landing  
Condominiums—  
Destin, FL



Harrah's  
Grand Casino—  
Biloxi, MS

## Roy's Wranglers Win Chili Cook Off

On Saturday, November 11, 2006, the Mississippi Mental Health Association held its 6th Annual Chili Cook Off on the Biloxi Town Green. Roy Anderson Corp brought home the First Place Trophy and an award for Spiciest Chili. Mr. Chip Merrigan, Vice President—Operations, also won the Mr. Hot Sauce contest.

Pictured L-R: Ryan Markle—Assistant Project Manager, Tom Gonzalez—Master Superintendent, Bob Gist—Executive Vice President and COO, 'Cajun' Dave Aucoin—MEP Superintendent.



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

At the Mississippi Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) Merit and Safety Award Banquet held on Friday, November 3, 2006, in Jackson, MS, Roy Anderson Corp won the following safety awards:

### 2006 GOLD LEVEL

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

### 2006 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 gold level for two consecutive years to be eligible for the Platinum Award. Platinum Award winners are eligible for a partner agreement with OSHA which provides special benefits to the company.



Pictured L-R: Clyde Payne—OSHA, Andy Grayson—Project Manager, Gina Dambrino Davis—Director of Marketing, Dick Ayres—Area Safety Coordinator, Eugene Stewart—OSHA.

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