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EDS Builders Receives CMAA Award for Public Safety Center

EDS Builders, Inc. has received a CMAA Project Achievement Award for its Construction Management of the Columbia Heights Public Safety Center in Columbia Heights, Minn. The award was given in the category of buildings, new construction with a constructed value of less than \$10 million. The owner is City of Columbia Heights.

Replacing a very antiquated facility, this new building faced an imposing time constraint in the form of a rapidly approaching and severe winter. EDS recommended an ambitious phased bid program that enabled all earthwork to be completed before the ground froze and the snow fell, resulting in significant savings of time and money. The overall budget savings on this project was enough to add substantial enhancements such as sound insulation in offices, added street lighting and sidewalks, front entrance benches, and wood cabinets in the police lunch room—all completed 32 days ahead of schedule.

A total of 15 awards were announced during the Association's Industry Recognition Banquet on Tuesday, Oct. 5 at the National Conference & Trade Show in San Diego, CA.

"Congratulations to our standout projects. The number and quality of projects that were submitted this year sets the bar very high for what is expected to yield a successful project," Judges Mark Ballard, PE, and Brian Koches, CCM concurred.

Since 1999, these awards have been presented to projects that exemplify the contributions of professional Construction and Program Management to the successful completion of a challenging project or program. More than 130 entries were submitted for this year's program. Pictures are available upon request.

CMAA is North America's only organization dedicated exclusively to the interests of the professional Construction and Program management industry. On behalf of its 27 regional chapters and more than 6,300 public and private organizations and individuals throughout the nation, CMAA promotes professionalism in the Construction Management industry and provides resources, advocacy, professional development, certification, and business opportunities to its members. CMAA's national headquarters is located in McLean, Va. The Association's website is www.cmaanet.org.

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