



Shriners

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Construction Award Presented To Boston Hospital

(NAPS)—The Boston Shriners burns hospital has been cited for a prestigious award by the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of America, the oldest and largest construction trade association in the United States.

The 2000 Build America Award was presented to the Barton Malow/Beacon Skanska Joint Venture team, which was responsible for the hospital's construction. This year, 14 top awards were presented in various categories; the Boston Shriners Hospital won for "Building New Construction."

According to information published by the AGC, "What made the Boston hospital unique was the site-upon-site construction allowing for uninterrupted patient care. Development of the new facility began only eight inches above the original hospital's roof. The Barton Malow/Beacon Skanska Joint Venture team constructed a new five-story replacement facility directly on top of the existing four-story hospital, increasing the facility from 80,000 square feet to 200,000 square feet, allowing for improved and expanded treatment facilities. A special erection plan was developed to assure patient safety and comfort was not compromised, and every crane movement was carefully choreographed far in advance."

The award that the Joint Venture team received is prestigious because of the broad national competition; the judges were also contractors who understand what constitutes a real construction challenge, and the AGC is recognized as an important arbiter of construction standards.

The Build America Awards recognize state-of-the-art advancement in construction, excellence in project management and client service, innovation in construction techniques or materials, community relations and sensitivity to the environment.

Imperial Sir Raoul L. Frevel Sr., Chairman of Shriners Hospitals' Buildings and Equipment Committee, attended the awards ceremony in Seattle and accepted the award on behalf of everyone involved in the construction of the Shriners burns hospital in Boston.

Upon receiving the award,



The Boston Shriners burns hospital was honored for the ingenuity of the construction for its expansion.

Frevel said, "It was a distinct honor to represent not only the Barton Malow/Beacon Skanska Joint Venture team, but also Shriners Hospitals for Children at the awards ceremony, which was attended by some 3,000 people. The tribute that was given the 'World's Greatest Philanthropy' was outstanding. Again, thank you to all who assisted in building a facility that we in the Shrine family take great pride in having as part of the Shriners Hospitals network."

AGC, also known as the voice of the construction industry, was established in 1918 when President Woodrow Wilson was looking for a partner to help the government set high industry standards.

For more information on Shriners' network of 22 hospitals that provide free treatment to children with orthopaedic problems, burns and spinal cord injuries, write to: Shriners International Headquarters, Public Relations Dept., 2900 Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607, or visit the Web site at www.shrinersshq.org.

If you know a child Shriners can help, call 1-800-237-5055 in the United States or 1-800-361-7256 in Canada. Shriners Hospitals provide free treatment to children under age 18 without regard to race, religion or relationship to a Shriner.