

# Southwest Contractor's

# 2004 Best of Awards



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Welcome to our annual “Best of 2004” awards edition. It's an exciting time for us as we see the fruits of the industry's labor during the past year and this year was no different. Our regional juries of judges reviewed 146 projects, a record amount of submissions.

Arizona led the way with a record 90 submissions, up from 45 in 2003. Nevada builders submitted 29 projects, down from 35 in 2003. In New Mexico, judges saw 27 project, also down from 35. This year, there were a total of 51 winners in the three states.

Every year, we assemble a jury in

Arizona, Nevada and New Mexico. Judges are chosen based on their industry experience and specialty. We include architects, engineers, general contractors and subcontractors on all juries.

The editor would like to thank the following people for taking the time to sit on our jury:

#### Arizona Jury

Ken Schacherbauer of Perini; Mark Soyster of Pulice Construction; Joshua Smith of Weitz Co.; Peter Kunka of Kunka Engineering; Steve Kennedy of Richard and Bauer; Heather Kincaid of Carter Burgess; Bill Corbin of Corbins Electric and John Tieman of Maverick Masonry.

#### Nevada Jury:

Steve Schiller of Martin & Peltyn Inc.; David Pugsley of Welles Pugsley Architects; Steve Swisher, Swisher Hall Architects; Mitch Adamic, Kitchell Contractors; Bill Curfman of CORE Construction; Rick Ewing of Las Vegas Paving; Rick Sellers of Carpenter Sellers Architects and Bill Mason of Taylor International.

#### New Mexico Jury:

Jason Harrington of HB Construction; Rick Tavelli of Bradbury Stamm Construction; Steven Perich of Dekker/Perich/Sabatini; Don May of Rodhe, May Keller McNamara Architects; Nancy Bartlett of Custer Baserich and Bruce Higgins of Tom Growney Equipment.

The editor would also like to thank the Arizona Contractors' Association, the Las Vegas Associated General Contractors and the New Mexico building branch of the AGC for graciously hosting our juries.

I invite our readers to attend our annual “Best of 2004/Outlook 2005” events. The event is scheduled for Dec. 7 at Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas and Dec. 9 at the Arizona Biltmore in Phoenix. For more info, call 866-727-3820.>>

- 1 Arizona Best of 19
- 2 Nevada Best of 58
- 3 New Mexico Best of 78

## Southwest Contractor Best of 2004 Private Project under \$5 million Farmer Studios

**Farmer Studios** is an economical “flex” building in a transitional area in downtown Tempe. The 13,300-sq.-ft. building creates a precedent in the area with its pedestrian environment between 5th Street and Farmer Avenue.

The building was designed, zoned and constructed to allow for a combination of retail, office and or residential studios. Upper level glazing protects from the direct sun with a counter balanced shade device that allows insulated translucent panels to slide in vertically on the building’s exterior. A mezzanine level incorporates sliding glass walls to all for natural ventilation.

A secure parking lot is reinterpreted as a garden parking court. A gravel pave system reduces the heat island effect and helps reduce retention requirements, which are interpreted as a sunken courtyard.

The project was constructed with sustainable materials, including concrete with fly ash, wheat grass substrate millwork and 100 percent recycled carpet tiles. <<



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**Owner:** Architekton

**Architect:** Architekton

**General Contractor:** Cochise Contractors

**MPE Engineers:** Applied Engineering

**Structural Engineer:** BDA

**Civil Engineer:** Southgate Associates / JM. Griffin Engineering

**Landscape Architect:** Devid Kenyon, Philip Ryan

**Major Subcontractors:** Applied Engineering; Arcadia, Inc.; BDA; Cochise Contractors; JM Griffin Engineering, Inc.; RC Lurie; Southgate Associates