

Local Buildings Honored for Operational Excellence

The Building Owners and Managers of Atlanta honored eight local buildings for achievements in operational excellence at the annual BOMA-Atlanta TOBY and Association Awards Banquet presented by AlliedBarton Security Services on Feb 11. Seven buildings received The Office Building of the Year (TOBY) award, and one building received the Earth award.

Recipients of TOBY awards included: Doctors Center at St. Joseph's Hospital (medical office building category); the Clayton County School District's Professional Learning Center (government building category); 3405 Piedmont (less than 100,000 square feet category); the Gwinnett Commerce Center (100,000-249,000 square feet category); Platinum Tower (250,000-499,999 square feet category); the American Cancer Society Center (500,000-1 million square feet category); and Northpark Town Center (more than 1 million square feet category). 1180 Peachtree earned the Earth award.

NAWIC Goes Green at Annual Block Kids Competition

The Atlanta chapter of National Association of Women in Construction turned green at its annual Block Kids Building Competition, chaired by Stacey Chapman (Heery International) and Valencia McDaniel (IBG Building Group). Held at the Atlanta Community Food Bank on Jan. 31, the event, whose theme was "Building a Greener Tomorrow, One Block at a Time," focused on educational activities on sustainability in the construction and design industry as well as the significance of using recyclable materials throughout the day.



This information was incorporated by the participants during the building competition, which involved the construction of a structure using interlocking blocks, rock, string and foil. Creations included energy plants, recycling centers, hospitals that were solar powered, buildings with rainwater receptacles and more. This year's winner was RaiNell Bentley, who designed and constructed a House of Energy for the city.

Approximately 35 participants from Girl Scout and Brownie troops in and around Northwest Georgia received either a Building Art Try It or Architecture Badge, a reusable organic tote bag, organic T-shirts donated by SilvAD Promotions, journals made of recycled paper, and other goodies.

Participants in NAWIC Atlanta's Block Kids Building Competition try their hand at building their own infiltration systems.

Reed Construction Data Plays Active Role in River Clean-up Program



From left, Jerod Rains, Jody Mullen, Whitney Graves and Shar Mallory of Reed Construction Data make up the kayak crew on the Chattahoochee River at Buford Dam as part of the Rivers Alive cleanup program.

Reed Construction Data, a Norcross-based construction information company, completed its third year participating in Rivers Alive, a program to create awareness and involvement in the preservation of Georgia's water resources through waterway cleanups. Volunteers met at Up the Rivers Outfitters near Buford Dam and were transported to the dam at Lake Lanier, where 32

kayaks began a five-mile journey down the river. Along the way, participants picked up as much trash, both in the water and along the shore, as they could fit in their kayaks. A land crew also cleaned up at Jones Bridge Park. At day's end, the two groups gathered more than 42 bags of trash.

AmQuip Crane Rental Acquires Powell Equipment Company

AmQuip Crane Rental LLC acquired the business and assets of Powell Equipment to form the Powell AmQuip division under the direction of Floyd and Ross Powell. As a result, the company will expand the capabilities of AmQuip's Southeast region, which includes Elliott AmQuip operations in Nashville, Tenn., and Murfreesboro, Tenn., along with AmQuip's tower crane division in Birmingham, Ala.

Metal Tech – USA Relocates to New Facility

Metal Tech-USA announced it has moved to a new, much bigger facility to better serve the needs of its customers. Specifically, Metal Tech expanded its capabilities to include millimeter-accurate CNC machinery, meaning the company can produce intricate embossings, perforations and engravings in any material in its product line. The company also plans to increase its product line of coil, sheet and architectural metal products.