



## News Release

### **THISSEN CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION RECEIVES NATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN CONSTRUCTION AWARD FROM ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS**

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WASHINGTON, DC – Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) today announced that Thissen Construction Corporation’s work on Johnson Dairy in Eaton, Colo., has earned the company first place in the Pre-Engineered Building – Under \$2-million category of ABC’s Excellence in Construction Awards. Thissen Construction’s representatives received the award June 18 during the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Excellence in Construction Awards celebration at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C.

“ABC congratulates Thissen Construction for its exceptional work on the Johnson Dairy project,” said Kirk Pickerel, ABC president and CEO. “This project is an outstanding example of the innovation and commitment to superior craftsmanship that embody merit shop construction. It is a pleasure to honor this project with the association’s top construction excellence award.”

ABC designed the national Excellence in Construction program to recognize excellent performance in the merit shop construction field. The award honors all construction team members, including the contractor, owner, architect and engineer. This year's competition was open to all construction projects completed by ABC member firms during 2007. The winning projects were selected from entries submitted from across the nation and were judged on complexity, attractiveness, unique challenges overcome, completion time, workmanship, innovation, safety and cost.

In only four months and during a blizzard, Thissen Construction used design-build to create the world’s largest, high-tech and energy-efficient dairy parlor with 160 stations producing 200 tons of milk per day.

A panel of industry experts served as the competition’s judges. This year's panel included representatives from the Design-Build Institute of America, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the American Institute of Architects and National Institute of Building Sciences.

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Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) is a national association representing nearly 25,000 merit shop construction and construction-related firms in 78 chapters across the United States. For more news and information, visit ABC’s website, [www.abc.org](http://www.abc.org).