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PLEASANT PRAIRIE'S AQUA ARENA AMONG THE BEST 2010 MIDWEST CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

KENOSHA, Wis. – (September 23, 2010) – *Midwest Construction* magazine has selected the Village of Pleasant Prairie's LakeView RecPlex Aqua Arena addition project for one of its "Best of 2010" awards. The project was awarded an Award of Merit in the Best Sports/Recreation Project category, bested only by the mammoth three-year, \$226 million University of Michigan Football Stadium Renovation and Expansion in Ann Arbor, Mich., which took home Best in Category honors.

"Considering the Aqua Arena competed against other multi-year, \$100+ million projects speaks volumes to the construction and design qualities that make this a truly unique and special facility for the Village of Pleasant Prairie and cements the RecPlex's status as a world-class facility for the region," said Dave Riley, president of Riley Construction. Riley Construction, Kenosha, Wis., served as construction manager while Kenosha-based Partners In Design Architects provided design services.

The 42,000-square-foot, \$11.5 million addition to the LakeView RecPlex recreation facility is centered around a 50-meter, Olympic-size competition swimming pool. It opened this past June and was recognized for several challenging aspects, including:

- Addressing site dewatering and soil and foundation stabilizing challenges resulting from construction within 15 feet of Lake Andrea
- Construction on top of a buried gravel pit turned garbage dump
- Implementing an aggressive and proactive safety program to assure worker safety resulting in no incidents or lost-time injuries
- Meeting the exacting standards of USA Swimming to hold sanctioned competitive swim meets, making it only the second certified Olympic-size competition pool in Wisconsin.

The project also incorporated several innovative sustainable features in its pursuit of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) status, ultimately seeking LEED-Silver certification. The project reduces the pool's dependence on harsh chemicals for water treatment through the use of a state-of-the-art ultraviolet treatment system, takes advantage of a huge natural geothermal heating/cooling source in Lake Andrea and many other "green" materials to lessen the maintenance burden and costs. Achieving LEED certification would make the Aqua Arena one of only three pool-specific projects to earn the coveted LEED designation in the United States.



The annual competition recognizes construction and design excellence from eight Midwestern states including Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio or Wisconsin. Over 175 projects were entered this year – a record for the publication – with a total of 59 awards given in 22 categories.

Projects were selected from a jury of leading industry experts and awarded based on entry criteria including safety, innovation, contribution to the community or industry, construction quality and craftsmanship, and function and aesthetic quality of design.

More details on the award and a full listing of award winners are found through the following link:

http://midwest.construction.com/PDFs/Bestof10_MidwestWinners.pdf?story_id=149485488

Riley Construction and Partners In Design Architects have collaborated on all design and construction projects at the LakeView RecPlex facility since its conception. It now totals over 310,000 square feet, making it the largest municipally-owned community recreation center in the United States.

About Riley Construction

One of the largest construction management and general construction firms in southeastern Wisconsin, averaging more than \$107 million in annual volume, Riley Construction is headquartered in Kenosha, Wis., with permanent offices located in Milwaukee and Lake Bluff, Ill. As one of the leading construction services firms in the region, Riley Construction was recently ranked among the top Midwest companies by *Midwest Construction* magazine, including no. 11 in Government Building construction in 2010. Riley Construction provides construction management, preconstruction, design/build and general contracting services across a wide range of markets, including health care, municipal, commercial, industrial, public/recreation and education. Projects include new, expansion, renovation and restoration projects for a variety of building types and uses.

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