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PLEASANT PRAIRIE'S AQUA ARENA EARNS 'TOP PROJECT' TITLE

PLEASANT PRAIRIE, Wis. – (March 3, 2011) – *The Daily Reporter*, Wisconsin's premier construction publication, has selected the Village of Pleasant Prairie's LakeView RecPlex Aqua Arena addition project as one of its 2010 Top Projects.

Recognized as one of the most challenging construction projects completed in 2010, 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.

Projects were selected from a jury of leading industry experts and awarded based on entry criteria, including projects that:

- Have an effect on the community they are built in
- Demonstrate construction innovations
- Serve their purpose with extraordinary efficiency and style
- Exhibit excellence in planning, engineering, design and construction management



The Aqua Arena will be featured in the *Daily Reporter's* Top Projects May special section, and Top Project teams will be honored at the 12th Annual Top Projects awards dinner May 25 held at the Country Springs Hotel in Pewaukee, Wis.

Riley Construction served as the project's construction manager and Partners In Design Architects as designer. Both Riley Construction and Partners In Design 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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