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## RILEY'S BEN KOSSOW NAMED PROJECT MANAGER OF THE YEAR

**KENOSHA, Wis. – (September 28, 2010)** – *Wisconsin Builder* magazine has selected Ben Kossow of Riley Construction as its 2010 Project Manager of the Year. Kossow is being recognized for his leadership of the large and complex 322,000-square-foot, three-story vertical expansion to St. Catherine's Medical Center in Pleasant Prairie, Wis., for United Hospital System.

In total, Kossow is managing more than \$70 million in new construction at the facility. It includes the vertical addition of three new stories on top of the existing hospital, making this one of the largest and most technically challenging health care construction projects on-going in Wisconsin. Riley Construction is serving as the construction manager, providing preconstruction, construction management and trades performance services.

Kossow's management of the project was recognized for several achievements, including:

- Driving the construction to be completed well ahead of its April 2011 schedule
- Coordinating steel erection over existing occupied and fully-functioning sections of the hospital to assure no impacts to operations
- Orchestrating a complex three-superintendent system of on-site project management
- Navigating the project around a massive mass casualty evacuation exercise involving over 60 local, state, interstate and federal agencies and hundreds of volunteers – the first of its kind in Wisconsin
- Implementing an active construction materials recycling program that recycled more than 2,330 tons of steel, asphalt and concrete despite no LEED aspirations on the project
- Championing the addition of a second 25 kVA electrical reserve line to provide needed power redundancy to the hospital, requiring the active facility to run solely on generator power for eight hours while the installation was completed

Kossow serves as a division manager for Riley Construction, providing senior project management on some of the firm's most challenging projects. He is a graduate of the Milwaukee School of Engineering where he earned his bachelor's degree in architectural engineering. Kossow is also recognized as a LEED Accredited Professional by the United States Green Building Council.

Kossow and other individuals and companies will be honored at *Wisconsin Builder's* 2010 Newsmakers of the Year banquet held the evening of October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Country Springs Hotel in Pewaukee, Wis.



### **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. 18 in Healthcare/Hospital 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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