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## **The Highly Sustainable Lake County High School Receives ABC Excellence in Construction Award**

**October 18, 2015 (Denver, CO)** – The Associated Builders and Contractors, a premier construction association representing the merit shop construction industry, awarded the Lake County High School Renovation project the 2015 regional Excellence in Construction award for an institutional building between \$10 and \$25 million. The extensive renovations and addition were built by Adolfson & Peterson Construction (AP) and designed by H+L Architecture with the owner, Lake R-1 School District. Working on an occupied campus so the school could be open during the 15-month construction project, the completed school transformed community expectations of building sustainability as the first LEED project in Leadville, Colorado.

A gala of hundreds of industry personnel recognized numerous outstanding construction projects completed this last year. Lake County's first place honor was given by judges based on factors such as safety, implementing innovations, and overcoming challenges.

During the submittal review process, ABC's evaluation committee noted the highly sustainability features of the project. This project received an USGBC LEED Gold certification in June 2015 and was the first LEED certified building in Leadville. The renovations and addition to the existing Lake County High School created a high-performing, 21st-century learning environment for students while reflecting Leadville's natural environment and history. The entire school is now outfitted with new technology, security camera system, 65-inch LCD screens in each classroom, and new furniture.

Situated at an elevation of 10,152 feet, Leadville is the highest incorporated city in the United States. With an average of 278 days annually with freezing temperatures, extensive planning was taken by the project team for the harsh seasonal conditions. The project was completed during a winter with so much snow the school district canceled school for a snow day for only the second time in 100 years.

Working on a fully occupied campus also located across from the hospital required coordinating steel erection with emergency helicopter flights. The school was open for both the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years.

The project encompassed three separate additions that nearly doubled the size of the school. A new high school classroom 50,000-sf addition – a double stacked wing – includes up-to-date science labs and

wireless connection throughout, making every area a learning environment. Two small additions to an administrative area and around a stairway completed the 114,000 total square footage of the new school.

"A&P is a community builder. We were able to bring more than \$1.28 million back into the local Leadville community," said Tom Horsting, A&P Senior Vice President. The project team led twice a month site tours for community members complete with brief site safety training and the proper PPE. These tours included detailed descriptions of construction design, progress and materials used, as well as high-level budget updates of how their tax dollars were being spent.

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