

# **S. M. WILSON WINS 2016 CONSTRUCTION KEYSTONE PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR ST. LOUIS IKEA STORE PROJECT**

St. Louis, Mo., November 16, 2016 – The [Associated General Contractors \(AGC\) of Missouri](#) has named S. M. Wilson & Co. a winner of the 2016 Keystone Project of the Year award for the construction of the IKEA St. Louis store, which opened in September 2015. The project took first place in the General Contractor/Construction Manager/Prime Contractor Building Construction Project \$40 Million or More category. S. M. Wilson provided construction management services for the IKEA St. Louis store project, which is located in the Cortex Innovation District in midtown St. Louis.

According to the AGC, ‘the IKEA store project involved an 18-month time frame, 21 acres of site work, Missouri’s largest combined sewer overflow drain, Missouri’s largest rooftop solar array and a 380,000 sq. ft. building with below store parking for 540 cars. Despite these challenges, through proper planning and quality control, IKEA was turned over to the Owner on time, within budget and with the highest level of quality.’

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overall performance.

“This award is a testimony to the hard work, creative thinking and team approach that our entire staff put into the planning and execution of this project,” said Amy Berg, President of S. M. Wilson. “The IKEA store has truly transformed the community we serve and showcases our passion to go ‘Beyond the Build’ and deliver more than brick and mortar buildings.”

S. M. Wilson is a full-service construction management, design/build and general contracting firm with headquarters in St. Louis. S. M. Wilson is one of the largest general construction and construction management firms in the St. Louis area. The company posted \$305 million in 2015 revenues, and ranks 220<sup>th</sup> in Engineering News-Record’s 2016 list of Top 400 commercial contractors nationwide. For more information, visit [www.smwilson.com](http://www.smwilson.com).

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## **2016 Construction Awards Gala Recognizes Best of Missouri’s Construction Industry**

St. Louis, MO –The [Associated General Contractors \(AGC\) of Missouri](#) announced the winners of its 2016 construction industry awards at its gala event at the River City Casino & Hotel. The Construction Awards Gala featured the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Construction Keystone Awards which highlight the creativity and talents of Missouri’s construction industry. This year also marks the sixth time the AGC of Missouri has named First Place Specialty Contractors in 12 disciplines along with the coveted Specialty Contractor of the Year.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Keystone Awards were presented to 10 contractors chosen

from a group of 27 finalists covering a broad spectrum of project types including hospitals, educational buildings, manufacturing facilities, treatment plants, railyards and retail. The awards ceremony also honored the owners of the projects in this elite group.

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Keystone Project of the Year winners include: Interface Construction Corporation for the Agriculture Pavilion at the Saint Louis Science Center (St. Louis, MO); icon Mechanical Construction & Engineering for BJC-Washington University Medical School Campus Renewal Project-Penthouse (St. Louis, MO); **S. M. Wilson & Co. for IKEA St. Louis (St. Louis, MO)**; L. Keeley Construction Company for the Illinois River Transmission Project-Mississippi River Cross (Palmyra, MO to Quincy, IL); Concrete Strategies, LLC for Railroad Depot Grand Staircase (Poplar Bluff, MO); Guarantee Electrical Company for William H. Danforth Wing of the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center (St. Louis, MO); Guarantee Electrical Company for December 2015 Flood Mitigation for Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (Fenton, MO); PayneCrest Electric, Inc. for Flint Creek Environmental Retrofit (Gentry, AR); ISC Contracting, Inc. for Varsity Tutors LLC Corporate Headquarters (St. Louis, MO); and, Herzog/Reyes, a Joint Venture for Pier E Container Yard / Intermodal Railyard, Phase I (Long Beach, CA). [Click here for project photos and descriptions.](#)

The 2016 Keystone Heritage Award was awarded to the Bagnell Dam at the Lake of the Ozarks. Since its first presentation in 1997, the Heritage Award's purpose is to recognize a project of significance and ongoing importance that was built prior to the inception of the Keystone Awards. If ever there was a project that exemplified the elements of a Keystone Award long before the award criteria was even developed, it is the Bagnell Dam. This construction project – virtually the only major construction project in the nation during the Great Depression – created the economic engine known to us as Lake of the Ozarks and continues to provide power for Missourians nearly 90 years later.

## *Specialty Contractor Awards*

The AGC of Missouri also announced 12 Specialty Contractor of the Year (SCOTY) Awards to Specialty Contractors voted "First Place" in their discipline by the general contractor members of the AGC. The General Contractor members were asked to consider a Specialty Contractor's timeliness in regard to completion of project(s), ability to stay within budget and their overall experience with the specialty contractor. The 12 First Place Specialty Contractor of the Year (SCOTY) award winners are: D & S Fencing CO., Inc. (Ancillary Services); Vee-Jay Cement Contracting Co., Inc. (Concrete / Paving); Drilling Service Company (Earthwork & Utilities); Guarantee Electrical Company (Electrical); Spirtas Wrecking Company (Environmental Remediation & Demolition); T. J. Wies Contracting, Inc. (Int. & Ext. Finishes, Openings & Fixtures); Murphy Company (HVAC / Piping); Grant Masonry Contracting Co., Inc. (Masonry); Fire Tech, LLC (Plumbing & Fire Protection); Waterhout Construction, Inc. (Structural & Finish Carpentry); ACME Erectors, Inc. (Structural & Finish Metals); and, Kirberg Company (Thermal & Moisture Protection).

The Specialty Contractor receiving the most votes by General Contractors also was presented the Specialty Contractor of the Year award by the AGC of Missouri. This distinction was awarded to T. J. Wies Contracting, Inc.

"As the largest statewide construction trade association it's really exciting for us to have the opportunity to highlight outstanding projects completed by our members here in Missouri and throughout the country. The SCOTY Awards provide our General Contractors the opportunity to honor our specialty contractors for their contributions to the success of a project," said Leonard Toenjes, CAE, president of the AGC. "More than ever in today's competitive and challenging construction environment, collaboration is the key to making a successful project happen."

The Associated General Contractors of Missouri is the united voice of the construction industry, representing nearly 550 commercial, industrial, heavy and highway contractors, industry partners and related firms in 110 counties in Missouri. Visit: [www.agcmo.org](http://www.agcmo.org)