

Capital Area Transportation Authority

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Capital Area Transportation Authority is very pleased to be Moore Trosper Construction Company's 2007 entry into the Michigan Chapter of Associated General Contractors of America Build Michigan Award. We understand that the award recognizes outstanding Michigan construction projects that the judges feel represent the best the AGC membership has to offer. It certainly was our experience to deal with what we felt was the best building contractor in the business! We'd like to tell you why!!

Our original building was a manufacturing building and our office building was built onto the front part of the manufacturing part in the late 1970s. It runs parallel with the building, long and skinny, and runs right along parallel with the city street. In 1992, we also had the privilege of working with Moore Trosper Construction, when we built another length of office building equal in size of the first building, with the very same characteristics --only now reminiscent of a long "bowling alley" with offices on each side of the "alley".

We now needed to add space, and the only way we could go was "up" on one half of the "alley". We bid out the job and we were pleased when our old friends got the job. This job would be a challenge ---to go "up" --with lots of steel AND glass!! AND they did it -- and did it beautifully!! Their project management skills were wonderful! We agreed on a very-short time frame, knowing that every thing had to go right. Harold Moore brought in a very young Project Manager Adam Droste. He lived here with us. He knew EVERY sub-contractor and they knew him! He knew us and we knew him! He worked with us and we worked with him! We did NOT move into rental space while they tore up the building to remodel (oh yes, that was part of the deal too! We decided that we needed to stay right here with all our bus operators and maintenance people and we did!! It was rough but Moore Trosper Construction made it work for us! I cannot say enough about the spirit and skill that was used to make it all come together! That doesn't happen often -

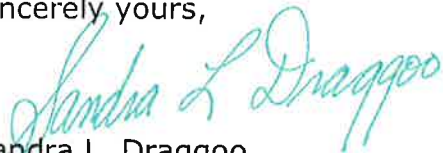
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but it happened at CATA! It truly was a partnership and we are very proud of that partnership!! They got it done ON TIME AND ON BUDGET!!!!!!

Our partnership with Moore Trosper Construction always was dealing with state-of-the art advancement of ideas and follow through as they dealt with the architects, sub- contractors and anyone on the project. They were always being sure that our surroundings here (even while we were providing transportation to over 10,000,000 riders a year) were being handled environmentally safe for everyone. They were always making sure that our needs were being looked after from the financial end. Their records were always up-to-date and I never had to go "looking" for records. Change orders were responsive and always up-to-date. Adam was always right here on property. I saw him every day and Harold Moore was no further away than fifteen minutes and would be here if and when I ever called him. That was always the service I received when I called for him. Harold's personal integrity and hands-on approach made all the difference between Moore Trosper's approach and many other construction managers' work. We loved our choice! Exceptional service was what CATA received from Moore Trosper Construction on our project!!!

I could go on and on about our project but it is sufficient to say ---- we moved into our new building in December, 2006!! We love it!!! We still love it!!! We would love to have YOU come visit us and we will SHOW you how beautiful it is ---- from the indoor waterfall to the full glass walls ---- we will SHOW you that our dreams came true!!!!!! Come ANY TIME!!!!!! The door is always open!!!!!!

Sincerely yours,



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To the Selection Committee:

Harley Ellis Devereaux recommends Moore Trosper Construction, Inc. for an AGC Build Michigan recognition award for their outstanding performance in constructing the Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA) Administrative Office Building addition and remodel project in Lansing, Michigan, for which our firm served as architect/engineers.

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The project consisted of an 8,000 square foot vertical expansion and total remodel of an existing one-story 15,000 square foot office building, constructed in two parts around 1972 and 1990. Moore Trosper was instrumental in meeting the following key construction challenges:

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- Maintaining operations of CATA throughout the 15-month construction period which required a phased construction approach. CATA operates the Lansing area bus system, which has 24/7 operations that needed to be accommodated during construction.
- The 60-foot wide existing facility is shoehorned between a public street on its front-side and a bus storage building that abuts the office building's back-side. Construction access was very restricted and basically only available from the street side where overhead power lines greatly inhibited crane operations. In addition, staging and on-site storage areas were very limited, bus traffic flow had to be maintained and the close proximity to an adjacent residential neighborhood had to be respected.
- Remodel of the aging existing building required replacement of systems and quick solutions to hidden conditions such as mold, unforeseen underground utilities and undocumented existing structural conditions.
- Undersized foundations in one section of the existing building required an unusual structural solution to support the new second floor in this area. A large structural steel beam literally had to be hand-threaded through a tight existing ceiling space and hung from the new structure above to resolve the problem.
- A specific completion schedule had been established for CATA's predetermined grand opening date that could not be altered. Milestone dates and pre-ordering of long-lead items were successfully dealt with to meet the schedule.



Execution of the architectural design not only added needed work space, but also created a new image for CATA that, from a design standpoint, captured the white metal panel and glass technology of bus design, along with a light and airy contemporary interior that makes the facility an exciting and invigorating place to work.

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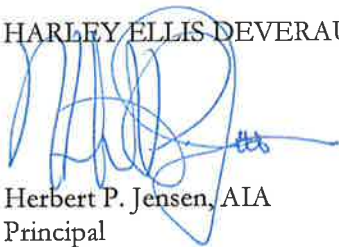
Moore Trosper Construction provided the project management and skilled trades to meet the stringent schedule deadlines while also meeting the Owner's expectations on budget and producing an end product that greatly enhances CATA's mission. Their phasing plan allowed CATA personnel to remain working in one area of the building while construction work proceeded in another. The new second floor was erected over the existing first floor without incident or safety issues and enclosed in a timely fashion to allow build-out of the interiors. A new stair and elevator were erected within an existing interior lobby/work space, which required extensive coordination with existing conditions. A second stair became part of a horizontal expansion at the south end of the building. New and old construction were blended seamlessly, with careful attention to matching existing brick and mortar colors.

Although a relatively small project, the building expansion incorporated a variety of materials and details ranging from metal panel systems, window wall and curtain wall glazing, skylight restoration, masonry, stone flooring, glass handrails, interior glass partitions, custom lighting and a variety of interior finish materials for which Moore Trosper put forth an extra effort to meet our high expectations for quality detailing. Moore Trosper was a true team player who maintained excellent working relationships with the owner, architect/engineers and the sub-contractors during the construction period. Their focus was not only on getting the job done on time, but in getting it done to a high level of quality and within budget.

Moore Trosper truly played a key role in the overall success of this project and is deserving of being acknowledged with an AGC Build Michigan Award.

Sincerely,

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