



Press Release

Courthouse Square receives national award for sustainability

Owner:
Stencil Development

Courthouse Square Project Team:
GSA Rocky Mountain Region
The Winkels Group, Inc.
Koch Hazard Architects
Stencil Construction
Associated Consulting Engineers

Award:
2006 GSA Environmental Award in Sustainable Design/Green Buildings

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Courthouse Square Facts:

- Waste management is diverting more than 80 percent of construction waste material from landfills.
- Materials from the demolished building on site were largely recycled or reused; bricks were given to a local restoration mason, concrete was crushed for aggregate and base material, steel was recycled, windows were re-used by a friend of the previous owner, and bed frames found in the building were donated to a local charity.
- Water-saving plumbing fixtures will reduce potable water use by over 50 percent.
- Over 78 percent of project materials were obtained within 500 miles of Sioux Falls.
- Building materials have a recycled content of more than 40 percent.

SIoux FALLS, SD, March 31, 2006—The nearly completed Courthouse Square building in downtown Sioux Falls is one of three nation-wide projects winning awards in the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Environmental Awards program.

The Courthouse Square Development Team's winning nomination, "Courthouse Square Lease Build-to-Suit", was based on several factors, including their innovative use of local materials in construction and use of the Big Sioux Aquifer for heating and cooling the building. Significant energy and cost savings estimates were also included.

The Environmental Awards program celebrates GSA's dedication to the environment and focuses on waste prevention, recycling, green purchasing activities, environmental management systems, green/sustainable buildings, and alternative fuel/fuel conservation in transportation.

Many sustainable strategies are incorporated in the design of Courthouse Square, including innovative use of renewable energy, local materials, natural daylighting, underground parking, and increased ozone protection. The building's innovative mechanical system is drawing the attention of area developers and city officials for its energy-saving design, which will help reduce operating costs by over 50 percent.

"It has been exciting to be involved with Courthouse Square as it's the first to focus on sustainability in the Dakotas. We've learned a lot as a team and are looking forward to the next project, as well as helping to establish a sustainability trend in South Dakota," said Stacey McMahan, principal at Koch Hazard Architects.

Courthouse Square is scheduled to be complete this April.

Koch Hazard Architects, design architect for Courthouse Square, is an architecture, planning and interiors firm providing services within the region to produce innovative design and effective delivery of quality projects. The Winkels Group, Inc. is the administrative architect. Stencil Construction is the owner/developer and Stencil Construction is the general contractor. GSA has coordinated the entire process for the prime tenancy of the U.S. Attorney.

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Rendering by Koch Hazard Architects



Courthouse Square under construction