



Recognition of Special Achievement Award

The Wyoming State Capitol Restoration Project Nominated by David H. Hart, FAIA, MOCA Systems, Inc.

The National Academy of Construction is honored to present the 2025 Recognition of Special Achievement Award to the Wyoming Capitol Square Project team. This project stands as a model for innovation, collaboration, and service to the public.

Faced with significant budget challenges and construction delays, the project was revitalized through MOCA Systems' Continuous Alignment™ methodology, in collaboration with JE Dunn Construction and HDR Architecture. The successful realignment resulted in a restored state landmark—completed on time and \$1 million under budget.

Major improvements included life-safety upgrades, enhanced accessibility, energy efficiency, and restoration of the Supreme Court Chamber—where the nation's first Women's Suffrage Act was passed. Today, "The People's House" serves as a

renewed symbol of democracy and civic engagement, providing greater access and opportunity for Wyoming citizens.

The Academy commends this achievement for its exemplary project delivery and positive, lasting impact on the community and state.

“The success of the Wyoming State Capitol project was defined by a spirit of true collaboration,” said Sandy Hamby, CEO of MSI. “From day one, our team worked side by side with the State of Wyoming, JE Dunn Construction, HDR, Inc., and countless stakeholders to realign priorities and reimagine what was possible. By combining innovative planning processes with an open, collaborative approach, we were able to close knowledge gaps, build trust, and chart a clear path forward together.”



This prestigious award recognizes outstanding innovation, exemplary safety performance, creativity, superb planning, a strong commitment to sustainability, excellence in project delivery, and meaningful contributions to the community and region. Past Recognition of Special Achievement award winners include La Guardia Airport's Terminal B, the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Area Flood Risk Management Project and the Isabella Dam Safety Modification Project.

“The Wyoming State Capitol restoration embodies the very best of what our industry can achieve when innovation, collaboration, and respect for heritage come together,” said Edd Gibson, NAC President and CEO. “This project not only preserved an irreplaceable symbol of democracy and equality, but also reimagined it as a vibrant, accessible space for civic engagement serving the citizens of the entire state of Wyoming. The National Academy of Construction is proud to recognize this remarkable achievement.”

