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AOC'S WEST REFRIGERATION PLANT EXPANSION PROJECT WINS NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AWARD

WASHINGTON — The Office of the Architect of the Capitol's (AOC) West Refrigeration Plant Expansion project at the Capitol Power Plant recently received a National Project Achievement Award from the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA).

The annual Construction Management Project Achievement Awards program recognizes outstanding achievement in the practice of construction management. The West Refrigeration Plant Expansion Project was recognized as "Best Infrastructure Project with Constructed Value Less Than \$100 million."

"It is quite an honor to have this national recognition bestowed on this important AOC project," said Acting Architect of the Capitol Stephen T. Ayers, AIA. "The AOC team did an outstanding job on this critical project which will enable significant energy savings and increase capacity."

The AOC expanded the West Refrigeration Plant to reliably meet the future cooling requirements of the Capitol complex. This was necessary due to the advanced age of the East Refrigeration Plant — some of the equipment there dates back 50 years or more — and to meet the increased load of the Capitol Visitor Center and other building additions, renovations, and modernizations. The expansion will also increase overall Plant efficiency.

The U.S. Capitol Power Plant was originally built in 1909 to supply steam for heating and electricity for the Russell Senate Office Building and the Cannon House Office Building. In the ensuing years, additional facilities were added to the Power Plant load increasing the demands for steam and chilled water to cool the buildings. In the early 1950s, the Power Plant eliminated electrical energy production. Currently, the Capitol Power Plant serves 18 facilities in the Capitol complex including the House and Senate Office buildings, the Supreme Court, and the Library of Congress.

Since 1999, CMAA has been presenting its Project Achievement Awards to recognize instances in which professional Construction or Program Management has made a significant contribution to the successful completion of a challenging project or program.

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