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CONSTRUCTION INNOVATION FORUM ANNOUNCES 2007 NOVA AWARDS FOR INNOVATION

The Construction Innovation Forum (CIF) has recognized six innovations with prestigious NOVA Awards for outstanding innovation in construction. The 2007 winners were announced at the Annual Construction Users Roundtable (CURT) Awards on November 6.

The Construction Innovation Forum (CIF), an international, non-profit organization, identifies, recognizes and promotes innovation across all segments of the construction industry.

The NOVA Award is CIF's most distinguished honor. A jury of internationally recognized experts evaluates and ranks each entry, based on its impact on the construction process and on facility service. The innovation must be a proven success that has significantly improved construction quality, productivity, safety or cost effectiveness.

2007 NOVA AWARD WINNERS

Innovation in Bridge Construction: *Cable-Stay Cradle System* – Figg Engineering Group, Tallahassee, Florida.

Innovation in Water Distribution Control: *Liquid Flow Control Valve Insertion* [“*Insta-Valve Plus*”] — Hydra-Stop, a division of ADS LLC, Alsip, Illinois.

Innovation in Structural Steel Manufacturing and Construction: *Prefabricated Moment/Space Frame System* [“*ConXtech*”] – ConXtech, Inc., Hayward, California.

Innovation in Project Planning: *Rocky Flats Closure Project* – Department of Energy, CH2M Hill; Water Quality Control Division, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment; United Steelworkers of America; Environmental Protection Agency; and Rocky Flats Coalition of Local Governments.

Innovation in Tool Safety: *Spinning Saw that Stops on Human Contact* [“*SawStop*”] – SawStop LLC, Tualatin, Oregon.

Innovation in Concrete Design Flexibility: *Ultra-High Performance Fiber Reinforced Concrete* [“*Ductal®*”]—Lafarge North America, Inc.

