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**Alvin H. Butz, Inc. and Sands Bethlehem Gaming, LLC are the recipients of a Construction Management Association of America Mid-Atlantic Chapter Project of the Year Award for the construction of Sands Casino Resort Bethlehem.**

Lehigh Valley, PA, June 10, 2010 . . . Alvin H. Butz, Inc. and Sands Bethlehem Gaming, LLC received the Construction Management Association of America Mid-Atlantic Chapter's Project of the Year award in the Private Sector Project over \$100 million category. The Sands Casino Resort Bethlehem is the project Butz and the Sands have been recognized for.

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter of CMAA covers all of Pennsylvania east of Pittsburgh, Delaware, and Central and Southern New Jersey. The CMAA annual awards program presents awards in six categories with one winner chosen from each category. The selection of winners involves an extensive review process which analyzes how successfully a project was managed by the construction manager and the owner. The CMAA judges the specific ways a project is an example of the successful application of construction management principals and standards. It also judges how the specific needs of the project or owner were addressed by using construction management.

The Sands Casino Resort Bethlehem is a mixed-use resort complex featuring multi-faceted entertainment and dining venues. The project's spaces include a 457,000 SF casino floor, entertainment venues, lounges, numerous restaurants and a 3,200 space structured parking facility. Emeril's Chop House, St. James Gate Irish Pub and Carvery and Carnegie Deli headline the restaurant spaces.



There were many sustainable construction techniques used in the construction of the facility including:

- Recycled concrete and brick from the demolished Bethlehem Steel plant was used in new building foundations. An on-site recycling program generated 250,000 tons of material that was crushed and used as fill. A total of 17,000 cubic yards was put in place between November 2007 and May 2008. Construction waste was separated and recycled.
- All of the project's steel came from domestic companies, including over 22,500 tons that was recovered from the site and recycled in the new construction.
- Indoor air quality measures including demand control ventilation have been applied.
- A central heating/cooling plant consisting of energy efficient boilers chillers and pumping systems distributes water to forty energy recovery air handlers across the building complex including tenant retail spaces.
- A 69KV substation with 13.8KV site distribution was incorporated using a design-build approach to allow for rate savings and flexibility.

Butz and Sands worked together as a team with RTKL Associates, Inc., the project architect, to ensure the facility was built within Sands' budget and that it opened before Memorial Day weekend 2009.

Factors considered by CMAA in selecting the award winners include: project complexity, customer satisfaction, quality management, cost management, schedule management, safety management and innovation and creativity.

Greg Butz, president and CEO of Alvin H. Butz, Inc. said "We're very proud to receive the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of CMAA Project of the Year Award for our part in the creation of Sands Casino Resort Bethlehem. We're also thankful to Sands for hiring us as its construction manager. We worked

well together as a team and the outcome is an outstanding project and a beautiful new entertainment venue in our community.”

Butz received the Project of the Year Award during the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of CMAA’s Annual Award Banquet at the Union League in Philadelphia on June 8, 2010.

Alvin H. Butz, Inc. has won five other CMAA Project Achievement Awards including three national awards and two previous Mid-Atlantic Chapter awards. Lehigh University’s Zoellner Arts Center and Campus Square Student Residence projects and Lehigh Valley Health Network’s Jaindl Family Pavilion are among Butz’s national awards. Coca-Cola Park and Lehigh Valley International Airport’s Wilfred M. Post Jr. Concourse are Butz’s previous Mid-Atlantic Chapter awards.



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**ABOUT BUTZ:** Alvin H. Butz, Inc. provides construction management services for corporate, commercial and institutional clients in eastern Pennsylvania. With a heritage of over 89 years, the company has a reputation for high-quality, cost-effective construction management services and is recognized as the premier builder of the region’s largest, most complex structures. The firm possesses significant experience in the construction of healthcare facilities, colleges/universities, corporate office buildings, hi-tech manufacturing facilities, sports and entertainment venues, government buildings, K-12 schools and retail buildings.

