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Installation and Excellence in Construction Awards Celebration

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2025
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Program

5:30 pm	Networking
6:45 pm	Invocation
	Pledge of Allegiance
	Installation of 2026 Board and Trusts
	Merit Shop Warrior Award
	Distinguished Leadership Award
7:15 pm	Dinner
8:00 pm	Excellence in Construction Awards
	President's Award
	AQC Recognition and Top Performers
	2025 Committee Recognition

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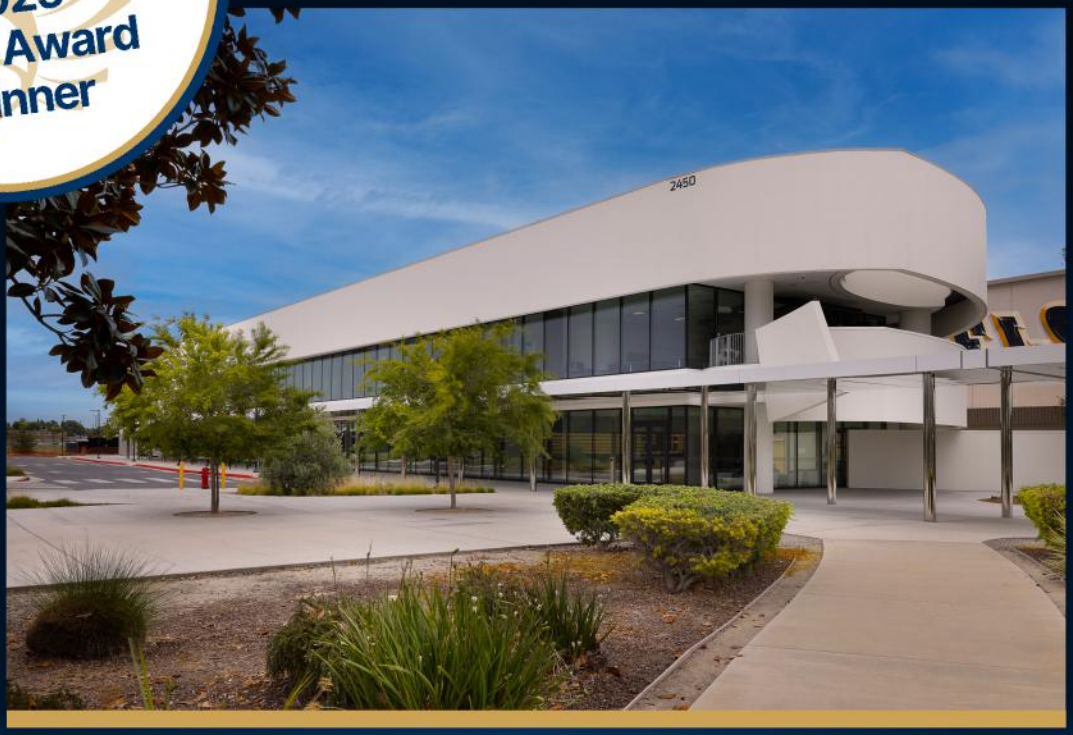

MAGNOLIA HIGH SCHOOL CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

GENERAL CONTRACTOR > INSTITUTIONAL > $25 TO $100 MILLION

Johnson Favaro, Architect
Anaheim Union High School District, Owner

The Magnolia High School Center of Excellence project incorporated innovative quality control and scheduling programs to ensure transparency and efficiency. Procore served as a centralized project management platform, enabling real-time collaboration, inspection and submittal tracking, version control, and standardized workflows for RFIs and quality checklists. Microsoft Project was used as the central scheduling tool, integrating subcontractor schedules with the master timeline, tracking the critical path, and using real-time updates and visual Gantt charts to maintain transparency and minimize delays.

Value engineering measures addressed space constraints and design complexity, including the use of MC cable instead of rigid conduit and specialized waterproofing systems for extreme radiuses and curtain walls. Additional constructability suggestions generated significant savings: providing SCH 40 pipe with concrete encasement instead of SCH 80 saved 10 days and $123,700, using concrete in lieu of pavers saved 10 days and $25,271, and eliminating unnecessary electrical scope for battery-operated hardware saved 10 days and $30,000.

The team overcame complex challenges associated with constructing within an advanced technology facility, integrating cutting-edge systems in tight overhead MEP spaces and around skylights. BIM was leveraged to coordinate trades and resolve conflicts before installation, ensuring seamless integration without compromising quality or schedule. Despite long lead times for MEP components requiring rapid submittals and tight coordination, innovative productivity methods such as Nycon fibers for slab crack control and an EIFS exterior system for improved radius wall finishes enhanced both performance and architectural outcomes.

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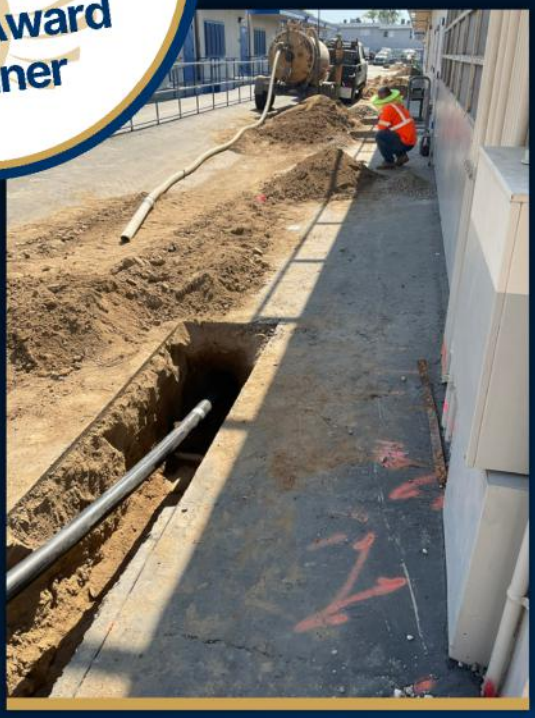

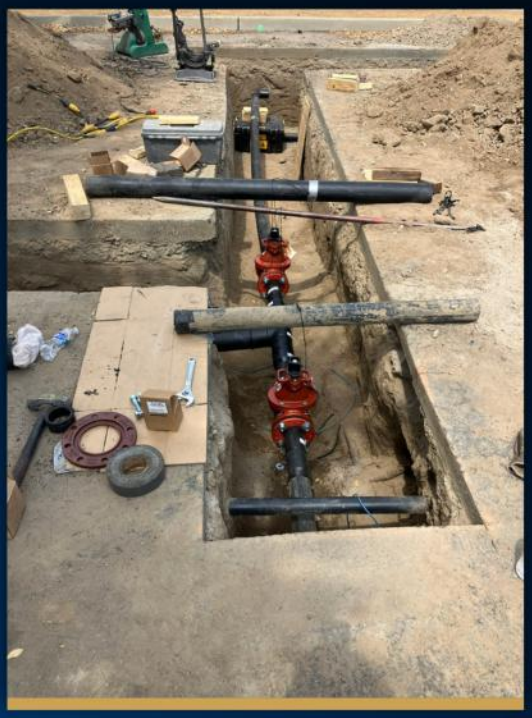

SAN BERNARDINO CITY USD HUNT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WATER LINE REPLACEMENT

GENERAL CONTRACTOR > INSTITUTIONAL > LESS THAN $5 MILLION

PBK Architects, Architect
Leaf Engineers, Engineer
San Bernardino City USD, Owner

The San Bernardino City USD Hunt Hunt Elementary School Water Line Replacement project modernized a failing 70-year-old water system with a state-of-the-art, low maintenance network. Originally scheduled for 180 days, the team achieved beneficial occupancy in just 44 days to ensure students returned after summer break to fully operational facilities. Through innovative construction methods and coordinated work across seven campus buildings, uninterrupted water service was delivered to more than 500 students and staff on day one.

Before excavation, Ground Penetrating Radar scanning mapped underground utilities, eliminating utility strikes, accelerating trench approvals, and ensuring zero safety incidents. Crews worked concurrently across administration, cafeteria, MPR, and classroom buildings, while front-loading submittals and RFIs compressed the approval cycle from 21 days to 5 days to protect the summer-only schedule. Directional drilling reduced open excavation hazards, cut restoration time by 40 percent, and reduced backfill volume by 70 percent, while bulk HDPE procurement and targeted copper use saved time without sacrificing quality.

Despite a zero-float schedule, undocumented utilities required rapid rerouting and overnight RFI approvals to avoid shutdowns. Mid-project scope expansion added irrigation system replacement and lunch shelter shade cloth work, requiring careful coordination with additional trades. Through advanced construction techniques, strategic vendor collaboration, and strong district partnership, the project was completed safely, on time, and beyond scope, delivering a resilient, code-compliant water and irrigation system to serve the campus for decades.

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CITRUS CROSSING

GENERAL CONTRACTOR > RESIDENTIAL > MULTIFAMILY AND CONDOMINIUM PROJECTS UP TO $100 MILLION

AC Martin, Architect
Labib Funk + Associates, Engineer
Meta Housing Corporation, Owner

Citrus Crossing is a five-story, LEED Platinum-designed affordable senior housing community developed on a 1.6-acre site at Broadway and Cedar in Glendale. The project replaced a one-story office building with 127 apartments for residents aged 62 and older, including 87 studios, 39 one-bedroom units, and a two-bedroom manager unit, along with 92 subterranean parking stalls. Developed by Meta Housing with AC Martin as architect, AMJ Construction Management as construction manager, and Milender White as general contractor, the project received over $15 million in subsidies from the Glendale Housing Authority.

Construction began in March 2022 and faced multiple challenges, including unexpected large rocks during excavation, delayed utility relocations, late plumbing permits, elevator fabrication delays, and switchgear delivery issues. The team addressed soil conditions by deepening footings and adding slurry backfill, replaced the initial plumbing trade partner, and accelerated elevator and switchgear coordination to achieve a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy on June 20, 2024. A strong emphasis on jobsite cleanliness, including daily broom sweeps and organized material management, supported safety, morale, and schedule recovery, earning internal recognition and awards.

The completed development transformed a disused block into vibrant senior housing near shopping, cafes, City Hall, and public transit. More than 4,000 rental applications were received, and all 127 units were occupied by the grand opening celebration on September 17, 2024. In 2025, Citrus Crossing earned a Gold Nugget Grand Award for Best Affordable 55+ Housing Community and a Bronze Award in the affordable housing category from the Los Angeles Business Journal's Commercial Real Estate Awards.

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Bergelectric



CITY OF HOPE ORANGE COUNTY HOSPITAL

SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR > ELECTRICAL (ALL PROJECTS OVER $10 MILLION) > ALL PROJECTS MORE THAN $10 MILLION

HOK Architects, Architect
Affiliated Engineers, Engineer
City of Hope, Owner

The City of Hope Orange County Hospital in Irvine, California, is a newly constructed 120-bed specialty hospital (OSHPD 1) located at 15161 Alton Parkway and developed as part of an 11-acre comprehensive cancer campus. Built adjacent to an existing structure and supported by two new parking structures, the hospital complements an outpatient building (OSHPD 3) that was built out within an existing 191,000-square-foot, four-story core and shell office building. The campus delivers highly specialized cancer care, clinical trials, precision medicine, early detection, and supportive services, with the specialty hospital exclusively focused on treating and curing cancer.

Bergelectric served as the electrical contractor under general contractor Hensel Phelps, deploying a peak workforce of 52 electricians led by four foremen. The team installed dual generators and paralleling gear to ensure continuous power for operating rooms and critical medical equipment, while integrating new electrical systems with the existing cancer center building. Their scope also included accommodating post-installation changes, particularly related to Emergency Responder Radio Coverage systems, and installing over 3,800 light fixtures throughout the facility to support both functional and aesthetic goals.

Building Information Modeling played a key role in identifying clashes and reducing rework, while single-line prefabrication of underground ductbanks and electrical cubes accelerated installation and improved safety. Bergelectric coordinated closely with other trades, tied schedules to procurement timelines, and held regular meetings to maintain budget and progress. The team also installed pathways for low voltage systems, subcontracting specialized ERRC and fire alarm work, and achieved zero recordable injuries, reflecting a strong commitment to safety and high-quality execution in a complex healthcare environment.

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UCI - FALLING LEAVES

SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR > ELECTRICAL (ALL PROJECTS OVER $10 MILLION) > ALL PROJECTS MORE THAN $10 MILLION

LMN Architects, Architect
Alvine Engineering, Engineer
Regents of the University of California, Owner

The University of California, Irvine's Falling Leaves Medical Innovation Building is a six-story, 202,047-square-foot facility supporting advanced clinical and translational research. AJ Kirkwood & Associates performed the complete electrical scope, including power distribution, lighting, emergency systems, and infrastructure for critical operations. Key installations included LED lighting with Title 24-compliant controls, a 1,500 kW emergency generator with Tier 2 filtration, dual main switchboards delivering 7,000 amps of service, a 2500 kVA transformer connected to UCI's high-voltage loop, 5,000 linear feet of dual-channel aluminum raceway, and power for specialized spaces such as vivariums, research labs, seminar rooms, faculty offices, and cold storage areas.

Prefabrication played a central role in project success, with over $300,000 invested in offsite assemblies representing approximately 20% of the total electrical installation. Prefabricated components included underground duct banks, conduit supports, lighting control systems, in-wall assemblies, overhead panel feeders, and panel builds, resulting in approximately 3,000 labor hours saved and reduced onsite congestion. Field teams utilized Trimble layout equipment and BIM and Evolve software to model and verify systems in advance, improving coordination and minimizing rework.

A notable milestone was the early completion of all IDF rooms, delivered seven months ahead of schedule to support UCI's OIT department. Despite coordination delays and close inspection oversight, most inspections were passed on the first attempt, and the team successfully set and powered a 2.5 megawatt generator without safety incidents. A value engineering solution substituting aluminum for copper feeders reduced cost and lead time while maintaining system integrity. The project was recognized by Hathaway Dinwiddie and UCI leadership for coordination, system quality, and professionalism, reinforcing AJK's role in delivering high-performance infrastructure for healthcare innovation.

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ALBD Electric & Cable

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TESLA LA DINER & SUPERCHARGER

SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR > ELECTRICAL: COMMERCIAL > $2 TO $10 MILLION

Stantec Architecture Inc., Architect
Robson Engineering Inc., Engineer
Tesla Motors, Owner

The Tesla Diner & Supercharger in West Hollywood is a 0.565-acre flagship site that combines next-generation EV charging with a retro-futuristic dining and entertainment experience. The project features a 6,261-square-foot two-story diner with rooftop Skypad, a 32-stall V4 Supercharger station, dual 66-foot drive-in theater screens, and an adjacent lot with 50 additional Tesla chargers. First envisioned in 2018 and constructed beginning in October 2023, the fully operational site opened in July 2025 and serves as a national pilot model.

ALBD delivered the complete electrical scope for both the site and building, including underground and overhead infrastructure, distribution systems, EV charging infrastructure, lighting, controls, and finish work. The team installed a 5000A, 480V service supporting 32 Tesla V4 Superchargers and two large LED display screens, along with a 1600A, 120/208V main panel and multiple subpanels serving HVAC, lighting, IT/AV, and an all-electric commercial kitchen. Extensive underground coordination included spare conduits for future capacity and precise routing within a confined, high-traffic urban site.

Collaboration with PCL Construction, Tesla representatives, and multiple trades was critical to managing phased trenching, shared work zones, custom lighting installations, and electrical stub-outs for additional chargers. Prefabrication strategies enhanced efficiency and quality, while a comprehensive safety program resulted in zero recordable incidents over the 20-month construction period. The project stands as a proof of concept for the future of EV charging infrast

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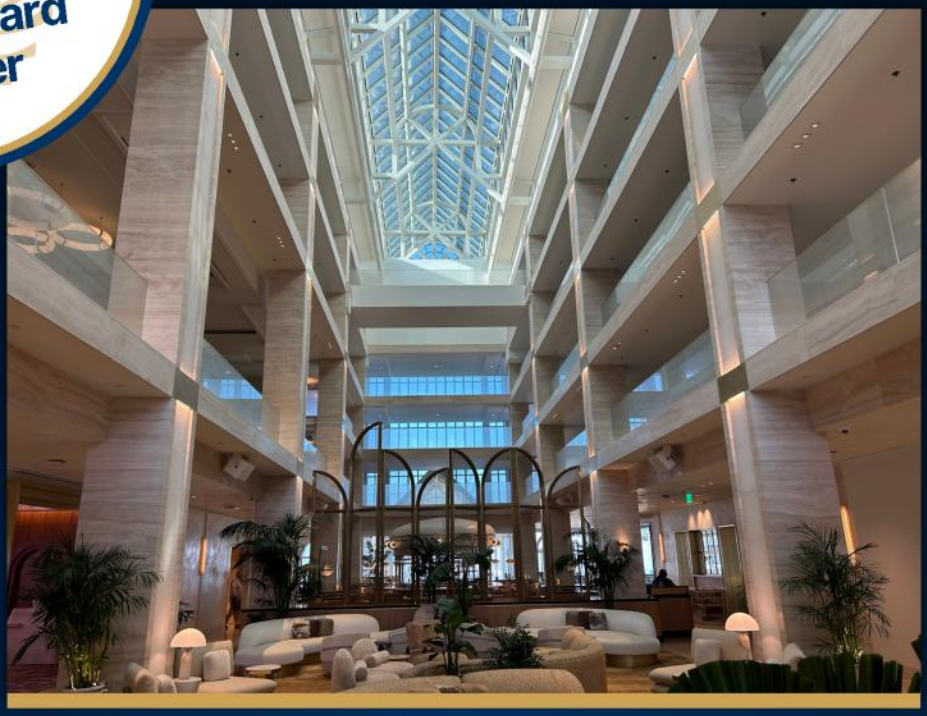

REGENT SANTA MONICA BEACH

SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR > ELECTRICAL: COMMERCIAL > $2 TO $10 MILLION

Houston/Tyner, Architect
Silver, Roth & Associates, Engineer
New Santa Monica Beach Hotel/AJax Consulting, Owner

The Regent Santa Monica Beach project transformed a legacy Ocean Avenue beachfront property into the first Regent-branded flagship hotel in the Americas. A.J. Kirkwood & Associates was awarded the electrical, low voltage, and fire alarm contract for the full renovation of the hotel's public and amenity spaces, including the lobby, restaurant, spa and fitness center, Grab-N-Go, porte-cochère, pool deck, and Venice meeting room. Originally contracted at $2.84 million, the project expanded to $6.38 million through more than 90 change orders over a 22-month duration from April 2023 to February 2025, reflecting evolving design and owner-driven upgrades.

The renovation was executed in a partially active hotel environment with overlapping trades, space constraints, and a secondary GC and electrical contractor operating in the guestroom towers. Early investigative work uncovered decades of layered, non-compliant electrical systems, requiring detailed tracing and creative solutions. In a design-as-you-go setting, AJK adapted to incomplete lighting documentation, developed control logic, coordinated with the nLight system, and retrofitted façade and porte-cochère lighting to resolve structural conflicts while meeting aesthetic and operational goals.

AJK leveraged BIM, Autodesk Construction Cloud, OpenSpace.ai, and Procore to manage quality and field coordination, while implementing real-time material tracking and rerouting major systems such as pool power distribution to maintain schedule. The team partnered with HCI Systems for fire alarm programming and worked closely with multiple superintendents and stakeholders to resolve procurement and design challenges. Despite tight urban constraints and complex phasing, the project recorded zero safety incidents or OSHA violations, culminating in a seamless transformation that reinforced AJK's reputation for craftsmanship, responsiveness, and dependable execution in demanding hospitality environments.

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PALISADES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR > ELECTRICAL: COMMERCIAL > LESS THAN $2 MILLION

Gensler, Architect
A.J. Kirkwood & Associates, Inc., Engineer
Palisades Charter High School, Owner

In January 2025, the Palisades Fire destroyed Palisades Charter High School, displacing more than 2,400 students and staff. To restore in-person learning before the end of the school year, a vacant 105,000-square-foot 1947 Sears building in downtown Santa Monica was converted into a temporary campus under a design-build delivery method. A.J. Kirkwood & Associates was tasked with delivering full electrical and low-voltage systems for the fast-tracked transformation into a fully functioning, code-compliant school in just five weeks.

The scope included complete electrical distribution, lighting, lighting controls, emergency egress, fire alarm, low-voltage systems, Wi-Fi, IT infrastructure, and HVAC connections across 93 classrooms on four floors, along with full power and life safety for seven exterior restroom trailers. Crews worked two shifts, six days a week, coordinating work across multiple floors and the exterior site while collaborating closely with the City of Santa Monica inspector and Fire Marshal for real-time approvals. Trailer power and fire alarm integration were completed rapidly, with underground trenching and system approvals finalized in less than three days.

AJK implemented daily quality inspections, full fire alarm testing, and field-verified egress lighting to prevent punch list delays. Value engineering strategies, including the use of MC cable and readily available lighting fixtures, helped maintain schedule and budget, while prefabricated assemblies from AJK's Fullerton shop accelerated installation. Delivered on time, under budget, and without a single recordable safety incident, the project transformed a dormant retail building into a safe, modern, fully operational learning environment that supported the community's recovery.

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Stronghold Engineering, Inc.



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA RIVERSIDE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS PV

SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR > ELECTRICAL: COMMERCIAL > LESS THAN $2 MILLION

Skyline Steel, Inc. Architect
Nazarene Engineering, Engineer
University of California Riverside, Owner

Stronghold Engineering, Inc. was contracted by McCarthy Builders to design, construct, and install a 222.6 kWDC photovoltaic rooftop solar canopy atop the newly constructed University of California Riverside School of Business building. Construction began in February 2024 while the building was still under construction. Prior to mobilization, Stronghold collaborated closely with McCarthy to develop and finalize a detailed project schedule that ensured timely completion while maintaining a safe jobsite alongside other subcontractors.

Throughout construction, Stronghold provided daily work reports and weekly schedule updates to McCarthy's onsite project management team to stay ahead of potential issues and document corrective actions when necessary. Due to limited jobsite space, multiple subcontractors, and active University staff and student traffic, logistics required close coordination for material delivery, storage, and crane operations to safely load materials onto the roof. Stronghold also worked closely with electricians, roofers, HVAC, and plumbing trades to address issues collectively and maintain a positive jobsite atmosphere.

Upon completion, the new School of Business building features the 222.6 kWDC rooftop photovoltaic canopy, reducing reliance on fossil fuel-generated electricity and supporting compliance with State and Federal sustainability regulations. The project enhances the campus with state-of-the-art amenities for faculty and students, and the solar canopy serves as a distinctive architectural feature that accentuates the building's façade while contributing to a cleaner, more sustainable future.

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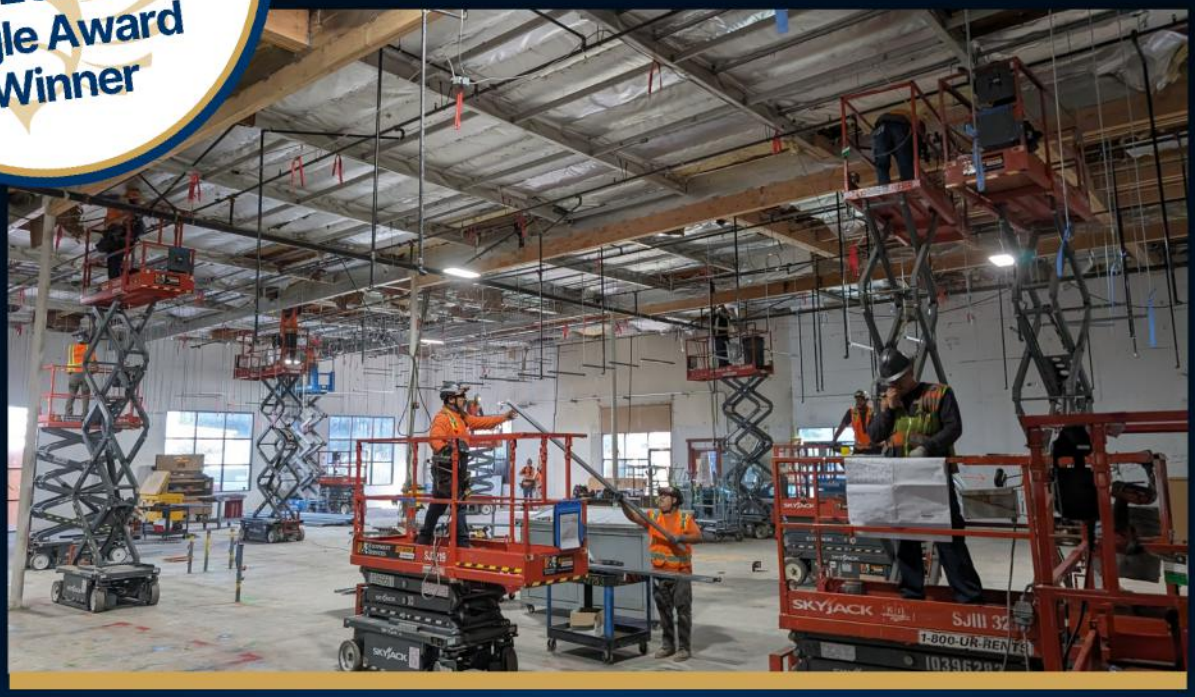
PACIFIC RIM MECHANICAL



EDWARDS DAIMLER

SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR > MECHANICAL (ALL PROJECTS OVER $10 MILLION) > ALL PROJECTS MORE THAN $10 MILLION

Varisco Designs, Architect
Salas O'Brien, Engineer
Edwards Lifesciences LLC, Owner

Edwards Lifesciences, Orange County's largest publicly traded company and a global leader in patient-focused medical innovations, expanded its headquarters with a new 52,000-square-foot facility at 3009 Daimler Street. The project transformed 43,904 square feet into advanced laboratory space to support research, development, and testing operations. Delivered under a one-year, fast-track two-phase build-out, the project required more than 54,000 man-hours and precise coordination to meet aggressive timelines and specialized lab requirements.

A primary challenge was adapting the building's existing infrastructure to support complex new mechanical systems required for the advanced lab environments. Close collaboration with the structural engineer and design team led to targeted reinforcements, reconfigurations, and proactive planning to avoid delays. This approach enabled the installation of approximately 2,000 linear feet of welded 304 stainless steel ductwork, totaling over 80,000 pounds, fabricated and installed to meet stringent cleanliness and performance standards.

The scope included high-performance HVAC and plumbing systems essential to laboratory operations. New air handlers, exhaust systems, boilers, humidifiers, critical room control valves, and packaged units ensure precise environmental control, while upgraded plumbing infrastructure features a complete sanitary replacement, hot and cold water systems, RODI water, clean dry air, and an extensive lab gas network delivering multiple gases for research activities. Completed on time and on budget, the expansion enhances Edwards Lifesciences' capacity for innovation and supports its mission of improving patient outcomes worldwide.

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Christian Brothers Mechanical Services



INDIO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR > MECHANICAL: COMMERCIAL > $2 TO $10 MILLION

SWA Architects, Architect
TED Jacobs Engineering Group, Engineer
Acadia Healtcare, Owner

This OSHPD project required rigorous quality control measures focused on indoor air quality to protect the HVAC system during construction and prevent contamination of absorptive materials. The team implemented an IAQ Management Plan that met or exceeded SMACNA guidelines, protected stored and installed materials from moisture damage, utilized MERV 8 filtration during construction, replaced filters with MERV 13 prior to occupancy, documented IAQ protections, and performed flush-out and testing procedures. These measures ensured compliance during both construction and pre-occupancy phases.

To address scheduling challenges caused by design changes and OSHPD review timelines, the team isolated the building hydronic system and performed testing and balancing to obtain temporary occupancy approvals. Due to stringent OSHPD structural and OPA requirements, temporary roof supports were installed to allow ductwork and piping systems to proceed and provide cooling and heating to meet project deadlines. Additional value engineering efforts included redesigning outside and return air systems, collaborating with the Mechanical Engineer of Record to select supplemental exhaust fans, and conducting further testing and balancing to achieve required air changes for OSHPD approval.

The project faced extreme desert heat, with summer temperatures exceeding 115 degrees and reaching 100 degrees by 10 AM, requiring overtime, long hours, and shift adjustments to maintain schedule. Structural attachment revisions and lengthy OSHPD review periods necessitated temporary supports, bypass loops, and operational systems to maintain testing, balance, and certification requirements. During hydronic pressure testing, fluctuating temperatures caused significant PSI variations, so the team recorded time-stamped pressure and temperature data and calculated offsets to demonstrate system integrity and confirm there were no leaks to the OSHPD inspector.

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PACIFIC RIM MECHANICAL



WESTLAKE LABS

SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR > MECHANICAL: COMMERCIAL > $2 TO $10 MILLION

BAM Creative, Inc., Architect
Alfatech Engineering, Engineer
Graymark Capital, Owner

The Orange Coast College Chemistry Building project for the Coast Community College District was a technically demanding effort that highlighted Pro-Craft's expertise in plumbing and site utility installations across standard and specialty piping systems. Through early BIM coordination, prefabrication, and phased field execution, the team aligned with an active campus schedule and tight site conditions to deliver a state-of-the-art STEM facility designed to support future students in chemistry and health sciences.

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Built at the center of campus on the footprint of a former building, the project required careful coordination around live utilities and student activity. Despite a five-month delay caused by a structural steel contractor default, proactive rescheduling led to completion ahead of the revised schedule and early turnover. Manufacturer-led training and specialized tools further improved productivity and streamlined complex lab installations.

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UCI - FALLING LEAVES

SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR > SPECIALTY CONSTRUCTION - COMMERCIAL > LESS THAN $10 MILLION

LMN Architects, Architect
Alvine Engineering, Engineer
Regents of the University of California, Owner

A.J. Kirkwood & Associates self-performed the complete low voltage installation for UCI's six-story, 202,047-square-foot Falling Leaves Medical Innovation Building, designed to support clinical and translational research. The scope included voice and data cabling, fire alarm wiring and device installation, public safety and cellular DAS, security and access control, two-way communication systems with campus fire alarm integration, and Wireless Access Point installation. The team also completed a 2,000-foot backbone pull to the UCI College of Health Sciences, and finished all IDF rooms three months ahead of schedule despite added scope and coordination challenges.

The project required continuous coordination due to delayed mechanical shafts, ongoing ceiling design changes, cable rerouting, and damage from other trades. A new UCI standard for two-way communication systems required full fire alarm integration and enhanced location traceability, prompting joint troubleshooting with UCI's Office of Information Technology and system modifications. Late in the schedule, AJK assumed responsibility for installing and terminating 240 WAPs across six floors, completing the work within two months without impacting the overall deadline.

AJK leveraged Trimble, BIM, and Evolve technology, along with custom in-house cable mapping, to manage more than 2,750 low voltage drops across six levels. Comprehensive testing of all voice, data, and fiber runs was performed using Fluke Networks certifiers, with re-termination or replacement as needed to maintain system integrity. Prefabricated IDF rack assemblies saved over 40 labor hours, and the 2,000-foot backbone pull was completed safely in active and confined space environments. Despite operating with fewer installers than originally estimated, the team delivered a best-in-class installation recognized by UCI's OIT leadership as the new campus standard.

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PRO-CRAFT



COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT ORANGE COAST COLLEGE CHEMISTRY BUILDING

SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR > SPECIALTY CONSTRUCTION - COMMERCIAL > LESS THAN $10 MILLION

tBP/Architecture, Architect
P2S Inc, Engineer
Coast Community College District, Owner

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