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MEDA names construction partner awards

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The Metropolitan Economic Development Association (MEDA) this week announced the winners of its construction partnering program, which honors companies' efforts to include women- and minority-owned contractors in their projects.

MEDA, along with the Association of Women Contractors, manages the program, which matches up contractors with builders.



Award winners include:

Partnership of the Year: Bald Eagle Erectors, Eagan, and **The Sowles Co.**, Eagan, which have worked together on projects ranging from the Guthrie Theater to the **University of Minnesota** Bioscience building.

Large project of the Year: Target Field. MEDA noted that 32 percent of contracts went to women- and minority-owned contractors. The original goal for the project was 30 percent. Golden Valley-based **Mortenson Co.** served as general project for Target Field, the Minnesota Twins' new stadium.

Small Project of the Year: United Family Practice. Nearly 33 percent of contracts, or \$1.9 million, went to women- and minority-owned companies.

General Contractor of the Year: **Shaw-Lundquist Associates Inc.**, St. Paul

The Shining Star of Excellence Award: University of Minnesota

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