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Mountain States Construction Honors 'Top 20 Under 40' Colorado Winners

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Drew Russ, director of sustainability, Adolfsen & Peterson Construction, 32, was one of Colorado's 20 young professionals honored in *Mountain States Construction's* annual Top 20 Under 40 list. (Photo by Terry Shapiro)

Mountain States Construction magazine honors this month the recipients of its annual "Top 20 Under 40" awards in the magazine's April issue. It highlights the best of the best young professionals in the construction and design industries.

Winners were selected through a highly competitive process. Peers, co-workers and managers nominated more than 40 people from the Colorado construction and design industries.

A panel of seven judges then selected the Top 20 based on criteria that included: achievement of, or progress toward, industry certifications, including professional licensure or LEED AP; community service; industry involvement; and contribution to creating or building landmark Colorado projects.

This year's winners will be honored at a party jointly hosted by McGraw-Hill Construction and AGC of Colorado. The Happy Hour Networking Event is on April 21 at 4 p.m. at the Lucky Strike Lounge in Lakewood.

The 2010 winners, in alphabetical order, are:

- Buck Beltzer, associate, Holland & Hart, 34;
- Brandon Berumen, president/CEO, LEI Cos. Inc., 32;
- Sarah Broughton, principal, Rowland + Broughton Architecture and Urban Design, 36;
- Whitney Churchill, project architect, The Neenan Co., 36;
- Justin Cooper, director of project development, GE Johnson Construction Co., 34;

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- Daniel Harrington, design engineer, Merrick & Co., 28;
- Jeremy Johannesen, principal/partner, McNary Bergeron & Associates, 34;
- Jessie Jones, sustainability engineer, The RMH Group Inc., 25;
- Sean Kennedy, senior project manager, The Beck Group, 36;
- Rick Khan, integrated construction manager, Mortenson Construction, 37;
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- Karla Nugent, CEO/founder, Weifield Group Contracting, 39;
- Michelle Pfeil-MacColl, senior project manager, The Weitz Co., 38;
- Drew Russ, director of sustainability, Adolfson & Peterson Construction, 32;
- Melanie Short, associate, Slaterpaul Architects, 37;
- Karen Van Heukelem, business developer, Colorado Hardscapes Inc., 27.

The panel of judges was made up of industry experts and educators: Cathy Rock, Red Rocks Community College; Ema Rankin, Milender White Construction Co., past "Top 20 Under 40" winner; Mark Latimer, executive director, Associated Builders and Contractors; Robert Johnson, JHL Contractors; Mary Morrissette, klipp; Robert Refvem, Felsberg, Holt & Ullevig; Deb Miller, American Subcontractors Association.

For more information on the nomination process for next year's competition, contact Editor Melissa Leslie at melissa_leslie@mcgraw-hill or 303-584-6724.

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