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Duran & Venables Wins Prestigious Constructor Award

(Milpitas, Calif.) – Duran & Venables, a leading provider of construction services in Northern California, is a recipient of the prestigious Constructor Award — a special bronze statue that symbolizes excellence in the construction industry. The Associated General Contractors (AGC) of California honored Duran & Venables and other contractors who it considers the best of the best in construction at its annual awards dinner on April 1.

AGC of California and the entire construction industry recognize Duran & Venables for its outstanding contributions to the community and work on the Los Gatos Streetscape Project. The two-week project in July 2005 was part of a multi-phased project administered by the town of Los Gatos that involved grinding and resurfacing North Santa Cruz Avenue — one of the most popular, high-profile areas in the heart of Los Gatos. The project could have had huge repercussions on the local economy and the town's 30,000 residents, tourists and 500 merchants who line the street.

Because of Duran & Venables' excellent work, customer service and communication with town leaders, merchants and residents, every phase of the project was successful and finished in record time.

"I am pleased and honored to be recognized by AGC of California and my peers in the construction industry," said Sean Venables, president of Duran & Venables. "The dedication and hard work by my team, combined with the support, contributions and involvement of Los Gatos town leaders and the community are what made this project so rewarding and successful."

Duran & Venables received a number of accolades from town leaders and merchants at the end of the project last year. Ginger Rowe, a 17-year merchant on North Santa Cruz Avenue, was pleased at how well the project was organized. "I have never seen a project run so smoothly in Los Gatos," she said. "Duran & Venables is to be applauded. I still talk about how amazingly smooth that project went. It had potential to be disastrous, but there were no problems or delays."

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AGC of California is a membership organization representing more than 800 general contractors in the state. Through its Constructor Award program, it recognizes the diversity and ingenuity characteristic of the construction industry and is the hallmark for AGC members.

AGC of California President Mark Lindquist said the organization and industry are proud to have honored Duran & Venables for its significant undertaking in the Los Gatos Streetscape Project. "The project represented exceptional work, excellent customer service as well as an outstanding contribution to Los Gatos residents and community."

About Duran & Venables, Inc.

Duran & Venables is a leading provider of grading and paving construction services in Northern California. For more than 25 years, Duran & Venables has been providing quality service and products to its customers in the commercial, industrial and public works sectors, while offering an excellent working environment for its employees. Winning the 2006 Constructor Award, the California Prospector Award for Excellence and the Engineering and Utilities Contractors Association's Excellence in Safety Award two years in a row, reflects the company's long-term commitment and dedication to its customers, employees and community.

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Accepting their Constructor Award are (from left) Duran & Venables President Sean Venables and his project team: Mike Valdez; Mike Hinojosa; Danny Duran; and Ernie Ramirez. Photo courtesy AGC of California.