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OF THE YEAR
HONOREES**

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MBCEA celebrates top member projects

By Anthony Capkun

There is no end to the range of inspirational projects that comprise the Winners Circle in MBCEA's 2026 Building of the Year Awards.

From a 9,300-sf golf clubhouse to a multipurpose sports complex measuring 200,000 sf, these projects truly "showcase the innovation, craftsmanship, and commitment to quality that define our industry," according to Sasha Demyan, executive director of the Metal Building Contractors and Erectors Association.

Located across eight U.S. states, the winning projects also include an automotive dealership, heavy equipment service, collision repair, industrial manufacturing, municipal administration and maintenance, and worship facilities.

These projects involved at least 10 different metal building system manufacturers/suppliers,

and several were executed adjacent to active operations or occupied facilities.

The 2026 competition included 36 entries evaluated against five criteria: aesthetics, interesting features, quality and safety, complexity, and green building elements.

This year's judges were Ronald Henri Albert, AIA, RHA Architects (Haverhill, Mass.); Matthew B. Jarmel, AIA, MBA, Jarmel Kizel Architects and Engineers (Livingston, N.J.); and Jerry Gorski, P.E., Gorski Engineering (Collegeville, Pa.).

The project with the highest overall score was named Building of the Year.

"From complex project execution to decades of leadership and service, this year's honorees represent the very best of MBCEA and the metal building community," said Demyan.



2026 AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

MITCHELL SUBARU Canton, Connecticut

PHOTOS BY DAN JODICE, COURTESY MBCEA

Mitchell Subaru had outgrown its existing facility, and the owners envisioned a new dealership that would be situated on property they owned and feature the latest automobile industry technologies.

The new 32,000-sf dealership sports 14 service bays, service lounge, two-story vaulted showroom, new vehicle delivery bay, indoor vehicle drop-off bay, elevator, recycled water carwash, and a 9,200-sf service department.

The energy-saving measures incorporated into the new facility on the Albany Turnpike earned Mitchell certification as a Subaru Eco-Friendly Dealer.

Although the main construction is a PEMB, the exterior is made up of a number of materials and systems, including cement siding, masonry veneer, glass curtain wall, aluminum sunshades, standing seam metal roof and solar panels.

Award category: Commercial
(over 30,000 sf)

CM/GC/Building dealer: PDS Engineering
& Construction Inc.

Erector: First Choice Builders LLC

Engineer: PDS Engineering
& Construction Inc.

Building manufacturer/supplier:

Metallic Building Systems

Square footage (metal portion): 32,000

