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RTD WEST RAIL LINE SUBCONTRACTOR'S INNOVATIVE CONSTRUCTION WINS AWARD

WLH Construction Company wins "Award of Excellence"

LAKEWOOD, April 18, 2011 – A construction subcontractor on the Regional Transportation District's West Rail Line project has been honored for its innovative technique in building retaining walls. WLH Construction Company, a subcontractor to Denver Transit Construction Group (DTCG), the West Rail Line prime contractor, was honored with the Award of Excellence for construction of the Soil Nail Walls at the Jefferson County Government Center. The dual, parallel retaining walls have a surface area of 25,750 square feet and span the south boundary of the campus. Initial project design featured cast in place concrete walls, which required an extensive temporary shoring system. Through a value engineering effort, the soil nail walls were substituted into the project resulting in a \$1.5 million cost savings. The walls were excavated from the top of wall down, and once the structural portion was in place, WLH's subcontractor, Boulderscapes, Inc. applied a layer of concrete; carving and staining the final product to resemble the surrounding landscape.

The award was announced on Saturday, April 8, 2011 during the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the American Concrete Institute's (ACI) 43rd Annual Concrete Awards Program. WLH's award was based on the evaluation of their product by the 2011 judges: Steven Close, Jorgensen & Close Associates, Inc.; Stan Peters, P.E., Castle Rock Consulting LLC and Janet Owens White, Concrete Engineer, Inc.

The West Corridor, a 12.1-mile light rail transit corridor extending from Denver Union Station to Jefferson County, is part of RTD's FasTracks voter-approved transit program to expand rail and bus service throughout the RTD service area. FasTracks will build 122 miles of commuter rail and light rail, 18 miles of bus rapid transit service, add 21,000 new parking spaces, redevelop Denver Union Station and redirect bus service to better connect the eight-county District. The FasTracks investment initiative is projected to create more than 10,000 jobs during the height of construction, and will pump billions of dollars into the regional economy.

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