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Doña Ana County Government Center

Interior Project Over \$5 million

The Doña Ana County Government Center is a 155,000-sq.-ft. facility designed and built with the goal of centralizing county government operations. The new chambers are equipped with the most current technology for audio recording and wireless language translation as well as a broadcast quality video system.

The exterior of the building utilized new technologies to include EIFS, bur-nished block, and concrete roof tiles while offering a traditional southwest look consistent with the area. The interior of the building was designed to mimic an open air market with use of similar finishes as used on the exterior of the building. A large domed skylight, numerous clerestory windows, and smaller unit skylights bring natural light into the interior of the building, adding to the open air feel. An extensive use of natural oak was incorporated into the expansive two-story lobby and the commission chambers.

The overall result of the new center is a



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sense of pride for residents and employees now occupying their new home.

"Magnificent" was the response from the jury.

Submitted by: Wooten Construction Co.; Studio Southwest Architects

Owner: Dona Ana County

Architect: Studio Southwest Architects

General Contractor: Wooten Construction Co.

Engineers: Wilson and Co.; Chavez-Grievs Consulting Eng.; ARSED Engineering Group; Allied Engineering

Major Subcontractors: M&J Masonry; Casa Grange Millwork; Avanti Floor Contractors; Southwest Décor; B&H Mechanical; Rawson Builders & Supply; Rodriguez Plastering; Alliance Riggers; Emilio Rigales Painting

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Bank of the West Plaza

Concrete Project



This multi-use project houses 77,000 sq. ft. of mixed-use tenants in one and two-story structures, including a bank, insurance office, medical offices, restaurant and retail. The project design is patterned after the Spanish Renaissance theme, which was an extreme challenge for a 100 percent, site-cast concrete tilt-up structure.

The design created 104 unique panel layouts. This complexity raised the level of tilt-up concrete expertise to new heights in Las Cruces. The rich detail that is part of the Spanish Renaissance design motif made the multiple inserts, arches and tower designs a special challenge in tilt-up construction. All of the unique panels cast fit perfectly the first

time, as both sides of every panel were fully detailed and dimensioned on the construction drawings.

One judge agreed: "This is difficult tilt-up and very complicated, while still being aesthetically pleasing."

Submitted by: Steve Newby Architects and Associates

Owner: Sonoma Ranch
Commercial

Architect: Steve Newby Architects and Associates

General Contractor: Wooten
Construction

Major Subcontractors: Las Cruces
Concrete Constr.; Rinker Materials;
BC Concrete; Alliance Crane &



Rigging; El Paso Machine & Steel;
Smith Roofing; Juan O. Limon &
Sons; Cupit & Co.