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Houghton Contractor Wins 2007 Build Michigan Award

Ypsilanti, MI - Yalmer Mattila Contracting, Inc., located in Houghton, was one of seven firms recognized by the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Michigan for its 2007 Build Michigan Awards. Yalmer Mattila was honored during the association's Annual Meeting on Friday, January 25, 2008 in Ypsilanti for its Portage Pointe Rehabilitation/Addition project located in Hancock. The Build Michigan Awards recognize excellence in commercial construction throughout the state.

The Portage Pointe project, an eldercare facility in Hancock, involved a 7,000 square foot addition to the clinical wing and a 23,000 square foot addition to the facility's long-term unit. "We were confronted with a number of challenges on this project not the least of which was ensuring patient safety and comfort during the construction process," said Michael R. Mattila, President of Yalmer Mattila. "In addition to working adjacent to an occupied health facility, much of the work had to be done during the harsh winter months encountered in Michigan's Upper Peninsula."

Yalmer Mattila's attention to detail and quality construction helped Portage Pointe realize its "Eden" philosophy of healthcare which focuses on dignity, health and a sense of control for residents. The project provides Hancock area residents with a health care facility on par with facilities in much larger metropolitan areas.

Build Michigan project entries are judged on: meeting the challenge of a difficult job, excellence in project management, innovation in construction techniques, sensitivity to the environment, responsiveness to client needs, and the contractor's contribution to the community.

Editor's Note: Project photos can be accessed at www.agcmichigan.org/chapter/buildaward.php

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