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**HEITKAMP MASONRY GARNERS ‘PROJECT OF THE YEAR’ AWARD
FOR THE MEADOWS AT LAKE SAINT LOUIS
AND ‘HIGH RISE’ AWARD FOR AMERISTAR HOTEL**

**National Trade Publication Taps St. Louis-Based
Heitkamp for Two Awards**

St. Louis-based Heitkamp Masonry Inc., which is known for its brickwork on many prominent area structures including the new Busch Stadium, has been recognized with two major awards in a national competition sponsored by industry trade publication *Masonry Construction Magazine*. Heitkamp’s work at The Meadows at Lake Saint Louis (Mo.), a \$33 million open-air lifestyle center and shopping destination, was named a 2008 **“Project of the Year,”** while the firm’s work on the Ameristar Hotel and Parking Garage-St. Charles (Mo.) garnered a 2008 **“High Rise”** award. Topping out at more than 300 feet, the 25-story luxury hotel, spa and pool complex for Ameristar Casinos Inc. is the tallest structure in St. Charles County.

The Meadows Offers Timeless Design in a Modern Masonry Landmark

Heitkamp’s work at The Meadows included the painstaking application of distinctive masonry finishes to a variety of the development’s features, including streetscapes, outdoor gathering areas and upscale retail stores. The finishes required the installation of 280 tons of rubble stone; 580,000 modular face brick; 30,000 cubic feet of cut Indiana limestone; cast stone for medallions and address blocks; and architectural precast concrete for planter urns. In addition, 175,000 concrete masonry units were used.

The complex structural elements and aggressive construction schedule presented Heitkamp with its biggest challenges. “The Meadows involved all load-bearing masonry,

including masonry columns, moment frame walls and tie beams,” says Michael Heitkamp, president, Heitkamp Masonry Inc. “The process to install storefront tie beams --some of which spanned 28 feet--required three weeks, due to the exacting work necessary to shore up and lay the walls, perform all grouting and repeat the process prior to roof installation. In addition, the aggressive 12-month construction schedule included the placement of more than 100,000 pieces of cut limestone to detail the brick walls on each building.”

Heitkamp also constructed two large pylon signs on either end of the 90-acre Meadows site, two large main entry monuments, three smaller location monuments and a large octagon-shaped central plaza featuring a 40-foot clock tower and a performance stage for events and concerts. The development marks the first of its kind in St. Charles County.

The Meadows officially opened the first phase of its development in August 2008. In its initial phase, The Meadows comprises 260,000-square-feet of retail space in four buildings which feature 30 upscale merchandisers. The Meadows will eventually total 500,000 square feet and include Missouri’s first Von Maur department store. Chicago-based Davis Street Land Co. is the developer. Brinkmann Constructors was the general contractor. M&H Architects was the project architect.

Brick by Brick, Heitkamp Rises to the Occasion at Ameristar Hotel-St. Charles

In an aesthetic nod to its surroundings—the brick structures and cobblestone streets of historic Main Street—the Ameristar Hotel-St. Charles incorporates hundreds of thousands of bricks, blocks and stones, all carefully set by hand. According to Geoff Hart, project director, Heitkamp Masonry Inc., workers handset more than 550,000 utility-size red brick; 65,000 square feet of glass fiber-reinforced concrete; 15,000 square feet of architectural pre-cast concrete accents; and 150,000 concrete blocks on the hotel. “Through tight scheduling and intensive project sequencing with the general contractor as well as with the various trades, we were able to ‘turn over’ one entire floor every four days—quite an accomplishment, considering the scope of the project,” says Hart. Peckham, Guyton, Albers & Viets Inc. was the project architect. Walton Construction Co. was the general contractor.

Heitkamp Masonry Inc. has performed award-winning masonry work on commercial, retail, industrial, institutional, residential and restoration projects in St. Louis and regionally, including the Chesterfield Government Center; the Renaissance Hotel renovation; the Edward Jones Data Center; and T.R. Hughes Ballpark in O'Fallon, Mo.

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