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## Murphy Company Recognized for Implementing Best Practices for Brauer Hall

Mechanical contractor, Washington University win SLCCC Construction Industry Best Practice Award

ST. LOUIS – Murphy Company and Washington University were recognized by the St. Louis Council of Construction Consumers for implementing best practices in their collaboration on the university's Stephen F. & Camilla T. Brauer Hall. On Thursday, Dec. 16, the mechanical contractor and the university accepted a Best Practice Award for Planning for Startup.

The SLCCC's Best Practices Awards program recognizes achievement with implementation of construction industry Best Practices that have been validated by the Construction Industry Institute to provide improvements in cost and schedule. The Planning for Startup best practice covers critical steps such as systems turnover, check-out of systems, commissioning of systems and performance testing.

Murphy Company and the project team began planning for startup eight months into the Brauer Hall project. Operation and maintenance manuals were received as equipment was being delivered to allow startup and commissioning plans to be developed early on in the project. The startup schedule was even produced two to three months prior to the first piece of equipment going online to ensure that all associated work would be complete at the time of startup. Prior to the third-party commissioning agent getting involved, Murphy performed commissioning tests to ensure the process would go smoothly.

Murphy served as mechanical contractor on the 150,875-square-foot, three-story building, which was designed and built in 18 months. In addition to 23 custom-made lab suites, the energy, environmental engineering and biomedical engineering building consists of a data center, chiller plant, conference rooms, classrooms, 60 offices and a 90-seat distance-learning classroom, allowing the Energy, Environmental & Chemical Engineering department to communicate with its research partners throughout the world. The building also has achieved LEED Gold certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC).

This represents the third award Murphy has received for its work on Brauer Hall. Murphy was named the winner in the New Construction Up to 500,000 Square Feet in Contracting Business' 2010 Design/Build Awards (click [here](#) for the

article). Murphy also received the Best Project in the Institutional over \$10 Million category at the annual Design-Build Institute of America / Mid-America Region Design-Build Awards.

Murphy Company delivers mechanical solutions to the industrial, commercial, institutional and heavy industrial markets. With corporate offices in St. Louis and Denver, Colo., and regional offices in Fairview Heights, Ill., and Colorado Springs, Colo., the firm offers process piping, HVAC, refrigeration, plumbing, design-build, piping fabrication, energy solutions and 24-hour service. Murphy currently is ranked No. 13 on Engineering News-Record's list of top mechanical contractors in the United States. Founded in 1907, the firm employs more than 1,000 people nationwide. For more information, visit [www.murphynet.com](http://www.murphynet.com).

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