

# Star Center wins honor

■ *Contractor magazine bestows best large steel project award on center*

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RIO RANCHO — The Santa Ana Star Center is the recipient of the 2007 “Best Steel Project Over \$5 million” award from Southwest Contractor Magazine.

“The city of Rio Rancho’s Santa Ana Star Center is the state’s premier multipurpose events facility,” Mayor Michael Williams said in a news release. “The building and those who worked on it are very deserving of this recognition.”

Sink Combs Dethlefs is the architect of the center, and Hunt/Bradbury Stamm Joint Venture the general contractor. Martin/Martin is the structural

engineer.

Building the \$47 million center, which opened a year ago, was not an easy task. There were several difficulties to overcome, and that is the reason for the award, Star Center marketing director Amy Lahti said.

The 258,000-square-foot complex seats up to 9,200 people and is the home of the New Mexico Scorpions hockey team as well as a venue for various concerts and other entertainment. It was the first building finished in Rio Rancho’s new downtown area.

“We’re tremendously proud of this building and the bright future for Rio Rancho that it represents,” Tommy Scott, Star Center executive director said in the news release. “We know we have the premier indoor facility for live events, and we’re thrilled that the wonderful people who built this building are being recognized for their hard work.”



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**The 258,000-square-foot Santa Ana Star Center in Rio Rancho opened just over 14 months ago.**