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Contractor recognized for Community Center project

Workmanship on the voter-approved Community Center roof overlay project has been recognized by a trade publication produced by Sika Corporation, a New Jersey company and “leading supplier of chemical project and industrial materials serving construction and industrial markets,” according to the company’s website.

The Bartlesville project earned a first place spot in the “Steep Slope” category for “2015 Projects of the Year” for work completed by Hi-Tech Systems of Sand Springs. Hi-Tech Systems won the project bid and began work on the iconic community center last summer.

“Hi-Tech Systems did an outstanding job on this project,” said City of Bartlesville Water Utilities Director Terry Lauritsen. “It was a difficult job and very technically demanding due to the steep slope of the Community Center roof. Hi-Tech Systems has certainly earned this recognition.”

Lauritsen said the project required workers to put down a cover board, which is essentially a board on top of the roof, and then install a membrane on top of the board.

“The membrane and cover board had to be weather-tight by the end of the day, so they couldn’t put the board on the entire roof. They had to work in sections and finish that section by the end of each day,” Lauritsen said.

According to Sika, Hi-Tech’s “biggest challenge was finding a membrane that was both flexible enough to keep the curves wrinkle-free and offered in a color that restored the historical nature of the project.

“Because of the vertical curves and steep slope of the building, a power roller was used to apply the adhesive,” Sika reported in its publication. “Also, in order to present a flawless appearance from the ground and to minimize the visibility of the overlap seams, membrane installation began in the middle of the roof and worked its way to the edges.

Hi-Tech composed a stunning piece for the people of Bartlesville by providing a beautiful work of art. Bravo!”

Funding for the project was overwhelmingly approved by voters during the 2014 ½-cent sales tax extension election. The project bid was well below the budgeted amount of \$770,000, coming in at \$487,000.