

Press Release

CTL | Thompson Wins Prestigious ACEC/CO Engineering Excellence Award *Geotechnical engineers honored for Mt. Carmel Church project in Trinidad*

(DENVER – Nov. 12, 2011) At a luncheon on Nov. 7, Denver-based [CTL|Thompson](#) (CTL) a full-service geotechnical, environmental and materials engineering firm, was selected as one of six winners of the 2010 Engineering Excellence Level Awards, considered the industry's most prestigious award, from its premiere business association, the American Council of Engineering Companies of Colorado (ACEC/CO).

The project awarded the top honor was the [Mount Carmel Health, Wellness and Community Center](#), a community center that provides Trinidad, Colo. residents with essential health and wellness services and cultural and social opportunities. CTL's work laid the foundation, literally, for a center that will provide much needed health care for the region, which is classified as medically underserved.

"This was a complicated project that required a community of noted experts," said Michael Lemons, Southern Colorado Manager of CTL. "We were honored to be a part of the project, whose impact will be felt by this community for years to come."

The Center was unveiled in August 2011 to thousands of community members, but CTL's work began approximately three years prior, when Trinidad native Jay Cimino, CEO of the Phil Long automotive dealerships, began work on his vision to re-establish a century-old church as a new touchstone for the community.

Using their regarded expertise, CTL developed geotechnical criteria for the construction of foundation system that would allow the historic church, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, to be redeveloped into the health center. The church, first built in 1907 by Jesuit priests and the famed architects, Isaac and William Rapp, was substantially damaged by a terrible blizzard in 2006. The Colorado Historical Society placed the church building on the state Register of Historic Properties in August 2008.

Entries were judged by business, media and industry professionals who recognize excellence based upon five criteria: originality and innovation, meeting and exceeding client needs, social and economic value, complexity, and future value to the engineering profession. As a winner in Colorado's competition, CTL will compete in Washington, D.C. in April 2012 in the [national competition](#), considered the "Academy Awards of the engineering industry."

"ACEC/CO continues to showcase the importance of engineering as it relates to public welfare and progress," said Marilen Reimer, Executive Director of ACEC/CO. "We want people to understand the role engineering has played in bringing to life projects that make a real difference on the community."

CTL|Thompson is a full-service geotechnical, structural, environmental and materials engineering firm. Established in 1971, the firm provides expertise in small and large-scale projects in all areas of residential and commercial construction. CTL|Thompson is headquartered in Denver, Colorado, and has offices throughout Colorado as well as an office in Wyoming.