

The Bently Heritage Estate Distillery is expected to draw visitors from the Tahoe Basin and beyond, generating additional revenues for local retailers, restaurants, and lodging establishments.

Miles Construction was the project manager for the conversion the old Minden Flour Mill and Creamery into a whiskey distillery. The key team subcontractors who worked on the conversion of these 100-year-old buildings included: SNC – Earthwork and Utilities; Bonanno – Concrete; Martin Iron Works – Structural Steel; Gore Acoustics and Painting; Romero Door – Doors and Hardware; Savage – Creamery Mechanical and Plumbing; D&D Plumbing – Mill Mechanical and Plumbing; Paradigm – Electrical; Complete Millworks – Millwork; Custom Elegance – Flooring; and Moana Nursery – Landscaping.

The 14,910 sq. ft. Mill Building is 80% distillery production and 20% public hall (retail, general tasting, and private tasting). Approximately 3,000 sq. ft. was new construction, and the remainder was renovation work. This included wall finishes in the public hall for the retail area and deconstruction of existing wood grain bins, with this material reconstructed for breezeway wall finishes, bar fronts, and miscellaneous trim. There was required Seismic Retrofit of

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the Silo and Brick Core Structure. All of the work was completed with minimal disruption to the existing structure, and construction of the Silo area for whiskey production met Class 1 Division 2 requirements.

The 22,540 sq. ft. Creamery Building is 90% production and 10% office and entry space. While the existing façade was preserved, there was 100% new construction which entailed demolition of the existing structure, minus the Creamery façade. The historic brick was cleaned and repurposed for the new structure's east wall. Construction for spirit production met Class 1 Division 2 requirements. The 14,513 sq. ft. Support Warehouse space is allocated as 70% Warehouse, 23% Office and 7% Support Space.

The team is currently pursuing Campus LEED Gold Status, one of four LEED rating levels. LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is the most widely used green building rating system in the world. LEED certification is a globally recognized symbol of sustainability achievement. ■



Nevada Builders Alliance CEO, Aaron West (center), presents Golden Hammer Award to Carlo Luri (right) of Bently Enterprises and Bill Miles (left) of Miles Construction
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