

The Metro Washington and Virginia Chapters of Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) honored the winners of the 36th annual Excellence in Construction Awards, September 14th, at the Ritz Carlton in Tysons Corner, VA. The annual Excellence in Construction Awards recognizes and celebrates outstanding projects built by Washington-area ABC members. The awards competition serves to raise the level of construction standards throughout the industry by identifying the quality of those who contribute and by showcasing the results of their dedication. Meladon Group has earned the award for excellence in retail projects \$5 million and over. This prestigious award recognizes our work on the "Cascades Overlook Town Center (www.experiencecascades.com)" project. The town center is a one of a kind, state of the art center located in Sterling, Virginia off Route 7 with access to Potomac View Road and Benedict Drive. Cascades Overlook, with over 150,000 square foot of retail/office use and approximately 83,000 square foot of residential use, comes together at the Plaza, a place to eat, dine, and relax with fellow members of the community. "To receive an award like this is special to Meladon as a developer because it is judged by our peers in the building and development industry", says Meladon President Don Wooden, "We are so proud of the job done by L.F. Jennings and every part of the Meladon Group and this project". The award was presented September 14, at the Ritz Carlton in Tysons Corner as part of the ABC's annual Excellence in Construction awards dinner. ABC contractors entered more than 130 projects in categories including commercial, commercial/residential renovation, drywall, educational, electrical, excavation/site preparation, heavy/industrial/transportation, historic restoration, industrial, institutional, interiors, landscaping, masonry, mechanical, medical renovation, mega project, mixed-use, residential, restaurant interior buildout, retail, and specialty. "These winning projects highlight and honor the extraordinary teamwork between general contractors, architects and engineers, specialty contractors, and material suppliers," said Patrick J. Dean, president, ABC Virginia Chapter. A large panel of industry experts served as the competition's judges. This year's group included industry professionals from a cross-section of the building industry, including architects, owners, government officials, and other industry leaders around the Washington metro-area.

