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CAGC Announces Winner of Best Highway-Heavy Pinnacle Award**

Crowder Construction Company's Bridge & Highway Division won the award for the best highway-heavy project for the US 76 bridge replacement over the Chattooga River, in Oconee County, South Carolina at the 2007 Pinnacle Awards held during Carolinas AGC's 87th Annual Convention in Florida.



This project is a perfect example of how a job doesn't have to be really big to rate an A+ from the Pinnacle judges.

As SCDOT put it: this project is one of the few truly high-caliber, highly context-sensitive design transportation jobs in South Carolina.

The scope included replacing the US 76 bridge and demolishing a 100-year-old abandoned steel truss bridge over the world's most famous whitewater river - all within the confines of US National Forests.



It required numerous and stringent special environmental provisions, exquisitely coordinated timing with several different agencies, and blending the finished product into the natural environment.

More than one Pinnacle judge had actually declined to even bid this project. They cited its extreme "environmental sensitivity, political sensitivity, and management sensitivity."

The US Forestry Service cited Crowder's "exceptional execution of an extremely sensitive project in a wild and scenic river corridor." They also noted its "special concern for the aesthetics and environmental issues."

Owner SCDOT cited the extra miles Crowder went on even minor points, such as erosion control during installation of drilled shafts.

The daily work schedule had to be coordinated not only with SCDOT, but also Chattahoochee National Forest representatives for the Georgia side, Sumter National Forest representatives for the South Carolina side, and four rafting companies who made numerous daily public rafting trips through the project limits.

