

CONTRACTOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Jim Carter, *MCM Construction, Inc.*



James Allen Carter started his construction career as a Laborer for C.B. Tuttle Construction in 1957 working on the 55 Freeway in Orange County. Later on Jim was hired on as a Carpenter and thus started his passion for building bridges. Within a week Jim was promoted to Foreman and stayed with the company until the untimely passing of Mr. Tuttle. Mr. Tuttle's last wish was that the company be dismantled and disposed of. Jim stayed on as the very last employee of the company, setting up auctions and selling the remaining assets.

Jim later moved on to work for McClosky Construction and within days of employment, McClosky convinced Jim to move his union book from the Carpenters to the Pile Driver Union and a new and important dimension of bridge building was introduced to him. Jim worked for a few other contractors and eventually ended up at Pollach and Benedict. There he expanded his knowledge on bridge building and design and eventually met his long-time partner and friend, Richard Myers whom together would form MCM Construction, Inc. MCM was founded in 1973 just 16 years after Jim first worked as a Laborer on a construction site. 40 + years ago construction was not under today's constringent guidelines, 40 years ago you worked until the job was done. MCM in the early years was more a family run business, both Jim and Richard along with their respective spouses and children worked throughout evenings and weekends to get the job done. Profits were reinvested into the company and it grew into what we know today as MCM Construction Incorporated, California's premier Bridge Building Company.