

have made it the best in the eyes of readers, who again confer **Gold** status on CCB. And the biggest locally owned institution as measured by assets, **Commerce Bank**, claims **Silver** not only for the strength of its financial management, but its access: it has more than 50 locations in the region. This year's **Bronze** co-winners are **US Bank**, based in Minneapolis, and **UMB Bank**, the second-largest locally owned bank in this region.

**BEST ENGINEERING FIRM**

Across nearly two dozen engineering disciplines, **Burns & McDonnell** has built a reputation for both design and construction, turning into a billion-dollar firm that operates globally. That record makes it a **Gold** winner in the eyes of *Ingram's* readers, who place a high value on scale, history and community ties. They also made **Black & Veatch**, the Overland Park-based firm founded in 1915, this year's **Silver** winner, and turned to **HNTB**, based Downtown and founded in 1914, for **Bronze** recognition.

**BEST COMMERCIAL CONTRACTOR**

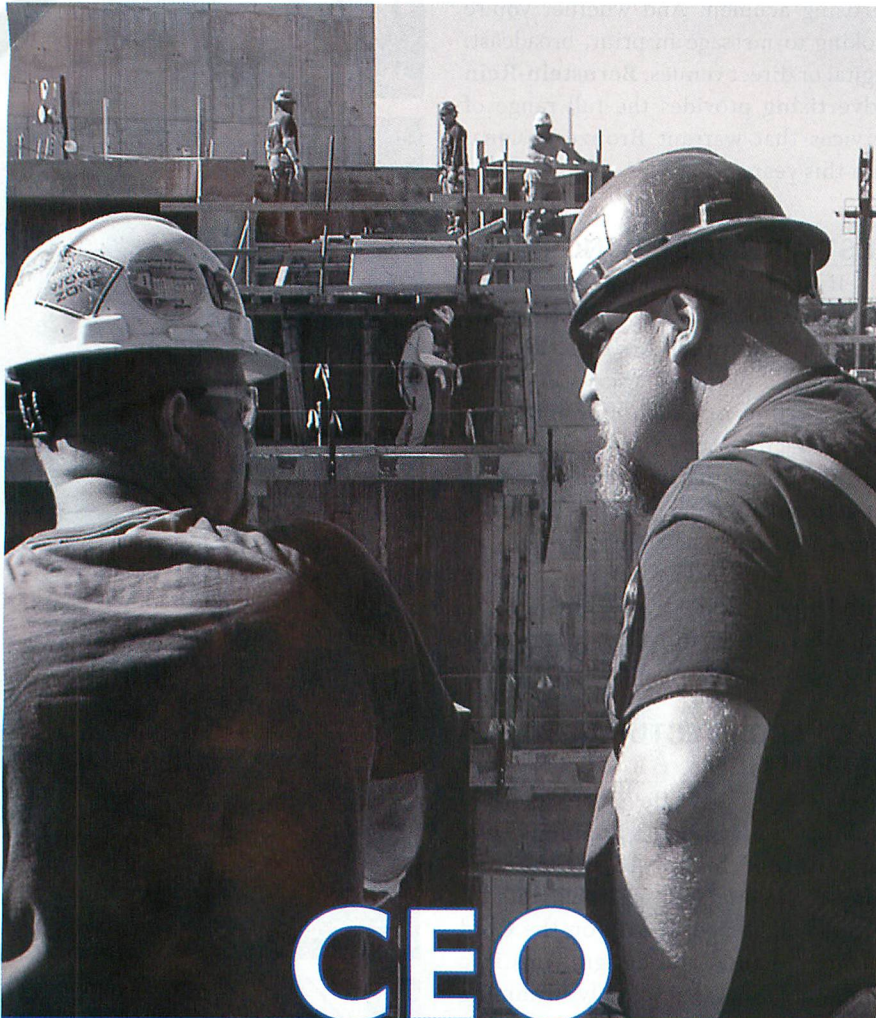
There's a reason why **J.E. Dunn Construction** has dominated so much of the regional construction scene for nearly 80 years. It's the same reason the company has gone from regional player to national force in that sector over the past generation: It delivers as promised. Its growth, its commitment to KC and its civic engagement all work to make it a **Gold** winner in the eyes of voters and has since the inception of this award. **McCownGordon Construction** has flourished through is commitment to building long-term relationships, and voters accordingly awarded it the **Silver**. A mere pup by J.E. Dunn's standards, turning 60 this year, **Straub Construction** carries on a family tradition of its own, and earns **Bronze**.

**BEST COMMERCIAL PRINTER**

Goodness: This certainly doesn't happen very often, but we have a **Gold**-level tie between **Alpine Litho** and **Best Graphics**. For **Alpine**, success comes from skilled people, state-of-the-art pre-press capability and presses that print to the strictest standards and tolerances. **Best Graphics**, meanwhile, relies on competitive pricing, quality work and speedy delivery, a formula that has worked well since its inception in 1984. With dual winners here, there was no **Bronze** to award, but the **Silver** goes to **Henry Wurst**, founded in 1934 and listed among the Top 100 North American printers by *Graphics Arts Monthly*.

**BEST COMMERCIAL REALTOR/FIRM**

Here's where experience counts with *Ingram's* readers: When it comes to commercial realty, **Kessinger/Hunter and Co.** has been doing its thing for 133 years. And the firm isn't just experienced, it has some serious scale as well, managing nearly 16 million square feet of commercial space today. That's good for **Gold** honors in this category. **Zimmer Real Estate Services** claims this year's **Silver** honors, while two other companies, **RED Development** and newcomer **Reece Commercial**, tied for the **Bronze** recognition.



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