



**Southwest Contractor, Best of 2010 Award - Government/Public Building**  
**Central Texas ABC, Eagle Award - Institutional \$25-100M**  
**US Courthouse, Las Cruces, NM**

McGraw-Hill Construction and *Southwest Contractor*, a leading construction industry publication serving the Southwest since 1938, recently announced the winners of its Best of 2010 Awards for New Mexico. The annual competition recognizes construction and design excellence in separate award ceremonies for Ariz., Nev., and N.M. The US Courthouse was a top winner in the Government/Public Building category. Additionally, the Central Texas Associated Builders and Contractors awarded the project with its highest honor, the Eagle Award. Plagued with challenges, the US Courthouse went from burden to beauty with its wonderfully crafted federal judges' chambers, functional courtrooms, native exteriors and hard-scape landscaping. This project was built around the existing, occupied and active operations for the existing US Courthouse of Las Cruces, N.M. It is the largest US Courthouse issued from the Fort Worth, Region 7, GSA. This design-build project is composed of 237,000 square-feet; the five-floor building houses eight courtrooms, eight federal judges chambers, court-related agencies and court support facilities and a total of 17-single defendant inmate cells. The exterior features copper fascia / soffit, stucco, hand-cut native New Mexico stone, with primarily hard-scape landscaping. In addition to the business operations, one level of subterranean parking was constructed.

**Location**  
Las Cruces, NM

**New Construction**  
237,000 square feet

**Schedule**  
36 months

**Construction Cost**  
\$93,108,000

**Owner**  
General Services Administration

**Architect**  
Jacobs