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## **Bechtel earns top US Contractor award**

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It is reported that Bechtel has been named the top US contractor for the tenth straight year by Engineering News Record a US trade publication for the construction industry.

Bechtel in a statement said that its North American operations accounted for 40% of its 2007 revenue and generated two thirds of new work. It added that business was also strong in Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

Bechtel's project highlights for 2007 included High Speed 1 in the UK, the first high speed rail project in the UK and Britain's first new railway in a century; the Tacoma Narrows Bridge in Washington, the longest new suspension span built in the US in 40 years; Equatorial Guinea LNG, a LNG processing facility that will supply at least 3.4 million tons of energy to the market annually; the Fjarðaál aluminum smelter, Bechtel's first project in Iceland and the largest private investment in Iceland's history and Brown's Ferry Unit 1 in Alabama, the first nuclear reactor to come into service in more than a decade.

The ENR Top 400 Contractors' list is based on construction revenue.

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