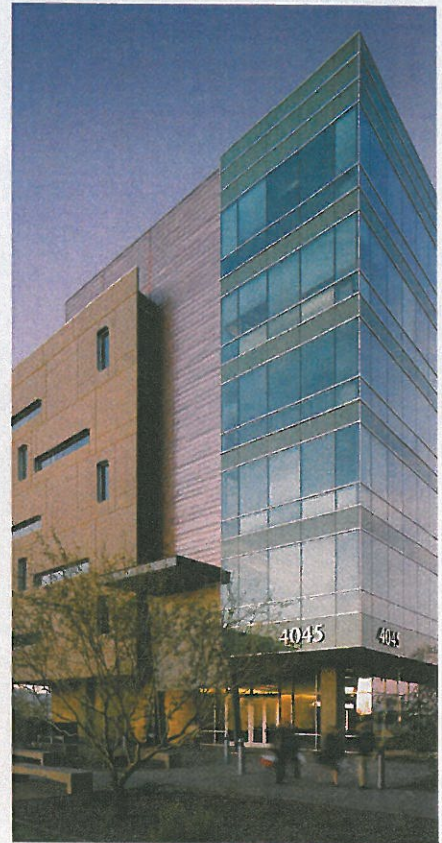


# Arizona Best of 2008

## Riverpoint Center for Apollo Group

Office Building



**On 37 acres in southeast Phoenix**, the 600,000-sq-ft Riverpoint Center is the headquarters for the Apollo Group and University of Phoenix, providing space for their online learning programs. A focal point visible from Interstate 10, the campus is comprised of three office buildings - one 10-story tower and twin six-story mid-rises - as well as two parking garages and surface parking totaling 4,800 spaces.

The design is regionally inspired, with the skin incorporating high-performance glass, copper siding, native stone, five-ply roofing and architectural precast concrete. The buildings maximize north and south exposures to bring light to the open office spaces, reducing energy con-

sumption and providing a healthy environment. Heat gain is controlled through the use of narrow deep-set windows on the west and east side and through horizontal metal shade fins on the southern exposure. Throughout, a variety of sustainable design elements add to energy efficiency.

For this project, Sundt Construction pioneered Last Planner System, a process created by the Lean Construction Institute by which subcontractors collaboratively create a detailed schedule based on required milestones. This improved schedule reliability and project collaboration among team members.

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**Owner:** Apollo Group

**Architects:** Carpenter Sellers Associates; SmithGroup

**Contractor:** Sundt Construction

**Engineers:** Caruso Turley Scott Inc.; Dibble Engineering; SmithGroup

**Landscaping Architect:** Laskin & Associates Inc.

**Major Subcontractors:** KT Fabrication; Delta Diversified Enterprises; Bel-Aire Mechanical; Pete King Drywall; Kovach; Aero Automatic Sprinkler; TP Acoustics; KTI Tile; Resource Flooring Consultants; ISS Grounds Control; Able Steel; Wassau Window Wall Systems; Sun Valley Masonry