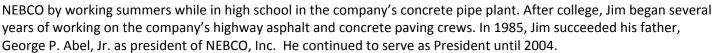
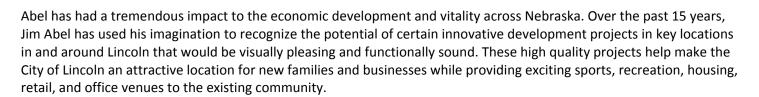
James P. Abel Recipient of the 2012 Architectural Foundation of Nebraska's Distinguished Commitment to Architecture Award

James P. Abel, Chairman & CEO of NEBCO, Inc, is the 2012 recipient of The Architectural Foundation of Nebraska's *Distinguished Commitment to Architecture Award*. Abel has played a key role in business, philanthropic, and civic activities in the Lincoln, Nebraska area.

NEBCO, Inc. is a 3^{rd} generation, family owned, Lincoln-based company founded in 1908 with interests in the manufacture of concrete building materials, construction, insurance, mining, railroading, farming, and real estate. Jim Abel began his career with





A number of his significant contributions include: Fallbrook a 700-acre planned community development project that includes residential homes and town homes, a business park, retail center, and school and recreational facilities; Quarry Oaks, an 18-hole championship golf course, open to the public and located on a site overlooking the Platte River between Lincoln and Omaha; Lincoln Saltdogs & Haymarket Park, home to the Lincoln Saltdogs professional baseball team, creating a visually appealing gateway to the Star City, multiple recreation venues, and valuable pedestrian connectors to the Haymarket and to the UNL City Campus; and One Landmark Centre office building at the west end of the Lincoln Mall, developed by NEBCO Realty, is a poster-child for meeting all of the Nebraska Capitol Environs Design Standards for high quality design and construction.

"Jim Abel's imagination, leadership and indomitable will are creating the new landmarks in Lincoln and environs that will shape the future. Jim clearly deserves the Distinguished Commitment to Architecture Award," said Nominator Robert Ripley, AIA, Capitol Commission and Architectural Foundation of Nebraska Board Member.

The *Distinguished Commitment to Architecture Award*, presented by The Architectural Foundation of Nebraska is given to individuals outside the profession of architecture for their activities and accomplishments in the area of professional life, which have notably contributed to the advancement of architecture.

