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## **White Construction Group Completes Restoration of Manzanola Train Depot and Fulfills Employee's Dream**

*CASTLE ROCK, Colo., Nov. 29, 2007* – White Construction Group, a Colorado-based construction firm specializing in commercial construction, design-build, tenant improvement, and historic restoration projects, recently completed the restoration and renovation of the Santa Fe Railway Manzanola Train Depot in Manzanola, Colo.

Located in Otero County, Colo., this 1913 train depot once provided the gateway for passengers traveling to and from the community during much of the twentieth century. For Lisa Werdel, Manzanola native and project coordinator for White Construction Group, this was a very special project. When the idea to restore The Manzanola Depot first began in 2003, Werdel was a student at the University of Colorado at Denver pursuing her Bachelor of Arts Degree in History. As a school project, Werdel completed the extensive research that included pictures and maps to create the application for The Manzanola Depot to be placed on the National and State Registers of Historic Places. As a result of Werdel's hard work, the Town of Manzanola received funding from 17 grants for this restoration project.

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The four-year span this project took from inception to funding to restoration was well worth the wait. The building was originally built to replace an older, first generation depot and is an intact example of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Company's combination passenger and freight depots. It features solid brick construction, functional convenience, and mission revival inspired styling. This building now houses the Manzanola police station, town hall, senior center and a new museum.

Werdel, who joined White Construction Group in 2005 and now pursuing a Masters Degree in Public Administration with a Historic Preservation Certificate, is pleased to have given back to her hometown.

"We are excited to be a part of the transformation of a historic Colorado landmark into a *Mecca* for this community, and working with Werdel added another facet to the vitality of the restoration," said Courtney White, project manager and member of the White Construction Group ownership team.

Werdel has rapidly become an integral member of the historic arm of White Construction Group. Her new project involves historic restoration and renovation of the Bloom House Mansion in Trinidad, Colo. for the Colorado Historical Society.

Manzanola is located approximately 50 miles east of Pueblo along Highway 50 in the Arkansas Valley. Courtney White was the project manager; Josh Reitz was the project superintendent.

Project partners included:

- Client: Town of Manzanola, Manzanola, Colo.
- Architect: Marc Diament Architecture, Denver, Colo.

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### **About White Construction Group**

Founded in 1985, White Construction Group is a fast-growing, multi-million-dollar general contractor that specializes in commercial construction, design-build, historic restoration, and tenant improvement projects. The company provides pre-construction, construction management, general construction and post-construction services for public and private clients throughout Colorado. To date, the company has completed more than \$450 million in construction projects and has won several national awards for its job safety programs. White Construction Group can be reached at (303) 688-6924, or [www.whitecg.com](http://www.whitecg.com).

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