

was down 22 percent from a year ago. The New York City metropolitan area reached a peak in 2015, when \$35.3 billion in commercial and multifamily construction starts were reported for the year, comprising 17 percent of the national total. In 2016, New York City dropped 16 percent for the year, and is on track for another decline in 2017.

Other metropolitan areas in the top 10 with double-digit declines in the first half of 2017 were Los Angeles (\$4.4 billion), down 15 percent; Dallas-Ft. Worth, Texas (\$3.2 billion), down 29 percent; Boston (\$2.4 billion), down 27 percent; and Seattle (\$1.9 billion), down 23 percent. Miami (\$3.6 billion) dropped 5 percent during the first half of 2017, and the two markets in the top 10 with slight declines were Chicago (\$3.8 billion) and Washington, D.C. (\$3.6 billion), each down 1 percent. The two metropolitan areas in the top 10 that showed growth during the first half of 2017 were San Francisco (\$4.5 billion), up 48 percent, and Atlanta (\$3.4 billion), up 19 percent.

For those markets ranked 11 through 20 in the first half of 2017, the only decline was reported for Denver (\$1.8 billion), down 16 percent from a year ago. The remaining nine markets, listed in order by the volume of activity, were:

- Houston (\$1.8 billion), up 2 percent
- Philadelphia (\$1.7 billion), up 23 percent
- San Jose, Calif. (\$1.6 billion), up 49 percent
- Austin, Texas (\$1.5 billion), up 14 percent
- Baltimore (\$1.4 billion), up 46 percent
- Charlotte, N.C. (\$1.4 billion), up 58 percent
- Orlando, Fla. (\$1.4 billion), up 28 percent
- Sacramento, Calif. (\$1.1 billion), up 659 percent
- San Antonio (\$1 billion), up 5 percent

Multifamily housing for New York City fell 29 percent for the full year 2016, and during the first half of 2017 it was down 23 percent from a year ago. Several other markets contributed to this year's multifamily retreat, with these declines compared to elevated amounts during the first half of 2016: Dallas-Ft. Worth, down 57 percent; Boston, down 51 percent; Miami, down 43 percent; Seattle, down 32 percent; and Chicago, down 6 percent. This year's first half has seen multifamily housing advance in San Francisco, up 17 percent; Washington, D.C., up 13 percent; and Atlanta, up 7 percent. Los Angeles matched its 2016 amount.

## American Buildings gives awards

**Miller Diversified Construction Inc. of Maumee, Ohio, was recently awarded the 2017 Building of the Year in the American Buildings Co. (ABC) Excellence in Design Awards for its work**



**Russell J. Ebeid Recreation Center**



**Northwood Academy Upper School**



**POD 2 at Rock Lititz**

and training facility that includes a basketball court, volleyball courts, classrooms, office space, concessions and two-story atrium.

Trident Construction, of North Charleston, S.C., was awarded the 1st Runner Up for its work on the Northwood Academy Upper School building, a 57,000-square-foot, 6-12 grade educational facility that includes 23 classrooms, a cafeteria, gymnasium, locker rooms, media center, computer lab and administrative/office space. This unique project is oriented along several axes to maximize space on the site and coordinate with the previously existing Northwood Church and Lower School building, which is currently under construction.

E.H. Beiler Industrial Services LLC, of East Earl, Pa., was awarded the 2nd Runner Up for its work on POD 2 at Rock Lititz, a 246,875-square-foot collaborative hub of the Rock Lititz campus. Rock Lititz is a one-of-a-kind production community consisting of over 20 companies under one roof. E.H. Beiler was tasked to create the steel

rooms and medical center.

The Excellence in Design Awards competition is open to all authorized ABC builders and architectural metal systems roofers. The award recognizes builders and roofers for their innovation, diverse application and distinction in design in the metal buildings industry. Winners are selected by an independent panel of judges.

The judges chose from 91 entries and selected the best projects in each of the following categories: agricultural, auto dealerships, church/religious, commercial/retail, government/institutional, manufacturing/industrial, office, recreation, roofing, special projects transportation, and warehouse/distribution.

Winners were announced for each category and eligible to compete for the Excellence in Design top award: 2017 Building of the Year.

"The Excellence in Design Awards is an opportunity for our builders to showcase some of the innovative metal construction projects they've worked hard to produce that year," said Nathan Pranger, Midwest division general manager at American Buildings. "We are honored to work with such talented builders and look forward to recognizing them with these awards each year."



## American Punch expands

**Euclid, Ohio-based American Punch Co. began construction on a plant expansion that will almost double the size of its production facility and increase its manufacturing capabilities.**

The addition to the existing facility will add 23,000 square feet of plant space and 1,000 square feet of office space.

Bob Olson, president at American Punch, said, "We've worked for several years to design and plan this building and the additional new equipment to meet our manufacturing demands well into the future. We will be positioned to meet our customers' increasing need for high quality tooling, delivered sooner, particularly precision tooling and engineered, made-to-order components. With