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**Charles Pankow, MTA Headquarters Builder, Died Jan. 12**

(Jan. 20, 2004) The man whose company built the MTA Headquarters building, the East Portal and parking garage complex died Jan. 12. Charles Pankow was 83.

An early proponent of the design-build concept, Pankow also was a pioneer in concrete-forming technology. In 1999, he was recognized by Engineering News-Record as one of the "Top Six World Builders."

Charles Pankow Builders began construction on the \$295 million Union Station-Gateway complex in 1993 and completed it on schedule and under budget in September 1995.

Gary Spivack, who served as overall project lead for development of the project said of the firm, "I always complemented the company on the fact that their job site was clean and orderly. When you're organized, it shows through in the quality of the project."

The Altadena company also built the Metropolitan Water District headquarters, as well as more than 1,000 other structures throughout the U.S.

A native of South Bend, Ind., Pankow graduated from Purdue University in 1947 with a degree in civil engineering. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Doris, three sons and a daughter, nine grandchildren, and a brother and sister.