



# Heart of the Renaissance

## Cheyenne Train Depot Renovates Roof with EcoStar Tiles

**F**or over a century, one of the main landmarks in downtown Cheyenne, Wyoming has been their historic train depot. Built in 1886, the station was a key point in America's push to provide rail service from coast to coast.

The depot offered train service until the 1960s when the depot portion was shut down and the building was used solely for Union Pacific Corporation office space. In the mid 1990s, private investors began restoring the depot to the 1922 art deco grandeur. At that time, they began a major structural renovation to stabilize and reinvigorate the building.

One of the major structural renovations was the roofing system. Hosting an original slate roof, it was re-roofed during the 1990s restoration. In 2001, the depot was turned over to the City of Cheyenne. It was at that time that the real renaissance of downtown Cheyenne began.

The old roofing tiles installed in 1994 were not compatible to the area. Small hail, wind and freeze/thaw cycles had worn the shingles until they were actually falling off the roof. "It had become a hazard to people walking below and the city had to do something. The roof was only eight years old," confirmed Ed Cochran, sales representative for EcoStar.

EcoStar tiles are strong enough to withstand Wyoming's extreme elements. The unique tiles offer supreme protection from hail, wind driven rain and high winds.



"The Majestic Slate Tile carries a 50-year transferable warranty, 100 mph wind warranty and Class 4 hail impact resistance," said the divisional president of EcoStar.

The EcoStar roof not only offers durability, but they also offer sustainable attributes. The tiles are comprised of 100 percent recycled building products manufactured using post-industrial rubber and plastics. "Builders, architects and owners are looking for options that are sustainable. EcoStar uses raw materials, which in the past, would have gone into a landfill," stated the president.

Once the project was put to bid with Majestic Slate, Douglas Roofing of Denver, Colorado won the bid for the re-roof. "The project was massive," said Bob Bradshaw. "EcoStar's lightweight properties and aesthetics worked well for the depot."

The depot has inspired renovation and encouraged new construction throughout

the city. "It is a new look for downtown and a refreshed face for the depot. Buildings are being renovating and lofts are being developed in other older buildings in the city," said Bradshaw. "We will have a new 720-space parking structure and new construction is being architecturally designed to match the older look of the depot and surrounding buildings."

"The partnership with all of our consultants has been tremendous for the city," concluded Bradshaw. "They have a wealth of knowledge that has helped to make the renovation a huge success. Their knowledge of products in particular the success of the roof material and how to make it all work together has made our renaissance possible. The train depot really is the heart of it."

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