

AUI Contractors, Inc.

2009 ABC Excellence in Construction Awards

- Category: Commercial \$5M-\$10M – Hurst Fire Station #2
- Category: Pre-Engineered Building-All – Ethan Allan
- Category: Other Construction \$2M-\$10M – Founders Plaza & Levitt Pavilion

2009 AGC Summit Award

- Category: Specialty Construction – Barton Chapel Wind Farm

Transforming unique visions into reality was the challenge taken on by AUI Contractors, and for their successful efforts, AUI has received a 2009 AGC Summit Award, for specialty construction, as well as three 2009 ABC Excellence In Construction Awards.

Gamesa Energy USA was looking to place its first wind farm on American soil, and the AUI team was selected to help them achieve this goal. The Barton Chapel Wind Farm, the AGC Summit Award winner, is located about an hour-and-a-half from Fort Worth. The first challenge faced by the AUI team came right up front: starting such a big project, at \$200 million, through the more than 80 acres of dense forest and jagged rock cliffs that had to be cleared.

For the City of Hurst, AUI constructed a new 18,000-square-foot, multi-level fire station. This 2009 ABC EICA winner was unique in that the new fire station is a central component to the city's Heritage Village Master Plan. Rain delays made this job challenging from the start. The design called for a structural floor slab on carton forms, which must be kept dry to maintain their structural integrity before and after the pour. The AUI team had to be efficient and sandwich the pours in between rainy days.

AUI's Ethan Allen project, another 2009 ABC EICA winner, evolved over a two-year design process to create a prototype for Ethan Allen stores in metropolitan areas. The first store to use the prototype, pre-engineered building was built in Southlake. One obstacle the team overcame involved a deceleration lane added after the initial design: the lane interfered with a major fiber-optic bundle of cables serving the DFW International Airport and a main gas line. The AUI team quickly relocated Ethan Allen's utilities, without interrupting service to the area.

Founder's Plaza and the Levitt Pavilion, located in downtown Arlington, consists of a state-of-the-art outdoor performance stage set in a two-acre public park. This 2009 ABC EICA winner provides a green room for performers, an interactive children's water feature and a history garden. Ensuring this project preserved the integrity of the park and surrounding areas was one obstacle. AUI took many measures to overcome that, and, despite a very aggressive nine-month schedule, was able to complete this project on time and under budget. •



Ethan Allen



Barton Chapel Wind Farm



Hurst Fire Station #2



Founders Plaza