

AUI Contractors First Firm in Texas To Receive Green Contractor Certification

Challenging Program by Associated Builders and Contractors Recognizes Firm's Sustainability Practices

Fort Worth, TX, July 6, 2010 - AUI Contractors of Fort Worth was recently named a Certified Green Contractor by Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC). ABC's Green Contractor Certification program recognizes construction companies that implement green practices and principles in the workplace, including headquarters, branch offices and jobsite offices. To achieve certification from ABC's National Green Building Committee, AUI Contractors submitted an application detailing its green efforts and underwent a third-party onsite assessment.

In response to the award, AUI President Doug Alumbaugh stated, "We're honored to be the first general contractor in the state, and one of just a handful nationwide, to receive this recognition. Leadership and support of this sustainability effort has come from all levels of our organization, making this certification a real TEAM achievement."

"ABC members have been on the forefront of the green building movement since its inception, but ABC also believes in stretching green achievements beyond the construction process and into the workplace," said W. Brewster Earle, chair of the ABC National Green Building Committee. "The Certified Green Contractor program is another step in ABC's goal to provide support and recognition for those members who are setting an example for the industry by promoting sustainability practices within the workplace as well as in their construction practices."

The Green Contractor Certification process involves a list of 13 prerequisites ranging from distributing documents electronically to establishing an aggressive recycling program. Additionally, companies are required to fulfill at least 12 of 36 elective items that include such things as conducting a professional energy audit, water conservation efforts, and providing incentives for carpooling or using public transportation. In addition, each company must achieve four education and training benchmarks, such as instructing employees on sustainability issues and requiring at least 25 percent of their managers to receive green building awareness education.

"Decisions and practices employed during construction will impact a facility for the duration of its life, typically anywhere for 20 to 50 years", remarked Michael Kawecki, CEO of Axiom Sustainable Consulting and a recognized authority on sound environmental practices. "The ABC Green Contractor Certification program is an important step in encouraging and rewarding corporate responsibility towards sustainability. I applaud companies that strive to achieve Green Contractor Certification, as it shows that they not only recognize the importance of sustainable practices in the workplace, but also that they are willing to invest the time and resources to actually implement and track these practices in their own firms."

About AUI Contractors

AUI is a full-service general contractor and is fully bonded and insured. With annual sales revenues that have reached \$120 million, AUI is one of a few contractors in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex with the ability to complete multi-million dollar projects in both commercial and civil divisions. The firm executes projects using several delivery methods, including hard-bid, design-build, and construction manager at-risk. AUI self-performs site work, site utility work, and structural and architectural concrete work in both commercial and civil divisions.

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