

Derrick Digest

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Derrick's Risk Management Lower Insurance Costs

Derrick Companies is proud to report that our insurance costs have gone down in 2007. We all know that construction can be a dangerous business, which many times results in high insurance premiums. But thanks to our industry-leading safety and risk management program, our workers' compensation Experience Modification Rate has dropped to .62, which means that we are paying almost 40% less for workers' compensation insurance than the average building contractor.

Our clients benefit by having a safe job site, which leads to shorter construction schedules and lower costs. At a time of rising insurance costs, we're proud that ours are going down.

40 Years Old and Counting!

Forty years ago this spring, Bill Derrick Sr., with the support of his wife, Mary Ann, made his dream a reality by starting his own construction company from his home in New Richmond, Wis. One has to wonder if they had any idea of the number of lives they would touch when they started with a small remodeling project and a handful of employees.

Our company is proud of the 40 years of experience that we have to offer our clients. We look forward to continuing to exceed our clients' expectations using this experience for their construction needs.



An exterior photo of St. Bridget's, taken in mid-December, just prior to the project's completion.

Another Successful Church Project St. Bridget's Catholic Church

Derrick Commercial Contracting has successfully completed the construction of a 23,176-square-foot addition to St. Bridget's Catholic Church in River Falls, Wis. The three-level addition includes a new fellowship hall and kitchen, additional offices, new entry and future classroom space. A \$3.2 million project, it was completed on schedule at the first of the year. The project is a credit to the teamwork and cooperation of not only our subcontractors and vendors, but also the church's building committee and the project architect, Kodet Architectural Group, Minneapolis, Minn. Special thanks to senior project manager Mark Johnson and project superintendent Mike Mikla, who led the team for Derrick Commercial Contracting.



Pictured at left: St. Bridget's new fellowship hall just prior to completion.

Church News

Is your church in need of additional space as your congregation continues to grow? Are you looking for information on the best way to start the process? We suggest going to the National Association of Church Design Builders website (www.nacdb.com), which is loaded with all sorts of practical information for the planning and construction of your new facilities. Some of what you'll find includes information on planning and designing your facility, financing, capital campaigns, church construction costs, upcoming seminars, and examples of actual church projects built by NACDB members throughout the country.

Next, we would suggest calling one of our two certified church consultants, Bill Derrick or Mark Johnson, who can meet with you at no obligation to help you plan a course of action. Our church planning and building experience and training will be a valuable asset to you as you begin your expansion plans. You can reach us at 715-246-2320 or e-mail bill@derrickbuilt.com.

Derrick Companies 2006 Service Awards

We know it's a cliché, but we recognize that the success of Derrick Companies is the result of the hard work and loyalty of our employees. At our annual Christmas party, we announced and presented the following service awards:

- 20 Years – Jeff Egan and Dean Weber
- 15 Years – Steven Frost
- 10 Years – John Erickson and Anthony Olson

We would like to congratulate these individuals and our entire team for their dedicated service to our company and its clients.



Tom Derrick (left), representing the owners of Derrick Companies, presents Dean Weber, one of our many skilled carpenters, with a 20-year service award.

The Design-Build Process Saving Ban Tara Development Time and Money

When Brian Zeller and David Robson of Ban Tara Development quickly needed a new 7,000-square-foot retail building at their development in Hudson, Wis., to house their new national client, Chipotle, they turned to Derrick Commercial Contracting and the design-build process. Faced with an October 1, 2006 completion date, Derrick teamed with Frisbe Architects of River Falls, Wis., to begin the design for the project in April 2006 and quickly established a guaranteed maximum price. This allowed us to proceed with construction in late May, much sooner than the traditional design-bid-build process would have allowed.

Not only was the project completed on time, but we were able to present a refund check of approximately \$19,000 to our client for the savings we realized on the project. Special thanks to project manager Dustin Rassbach and project superintendent Kevin Derrick for their leadership on this successful project for Derrick Commercial Contracting.

We can't guarantee a refund check on every project, but we can guarantee you that if you are looking for the best value and a shorter construction schedule, the Derrick design-build process is the way to go.

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