

DERRICK COMPANIES

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“Derrick Built” Helps Do Another Job Right

We are always proud of the testimonial letters we receive from clients upon completion of a project. The accompanying unsolicited third party testimonial came in the form of an editorial in the *Hudson Star-Observer* after we completed the addition and renovation to the North Hudson Village Hall. We take great pride in our project team on that job, especially our project superintendent, Mike Mikla, and our project manager, Chad Derrick. We believe that the editorial captures the essence of the “Derrick Built” process.



Above left: The completed exterior of the new North Hudson Village Hall shown in early spring (obviously after an early spring snow) before the landscaping was completed. Above right: The new meeting hall for the village of North Hudson following completion of the renovations.

“They were able to complete the project on schedule and to make the story even better—it’s a lovely looking building. On budget, on time and a great job—who could ask for anything more?”

—Hudson Star-Observer

Derrick Ranked in Top 100

In a recent issue of the construction trade magazine *Metal Construction News*, Derrick Commercial Contracting was ranked as the 80th largest among all contractors nationally that perform pre-engineered steel building work. We are proud that an extremely high percentage of the ranked contractors are Butler Builders like our firm. We believe that this is not a coincidence; the products and details offered by Butler Manufacturing are the industry’s best.

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This photo of Air Motion Systems in River Falls, Wisconsin, was taken by our webcam in early spring, when the precast concrete panels and structural steel were being installed.

Project On The Web Air Motion Systems

We are very excited about being able to offer our clients the use of a webcam, which photographs their project every 15 minutes and posts the photos to a project website. This is a tremendous tool that improves communication with our clients, subcontractors and vendors. Anyone associated with the job can now watch its progress without leaving their desk! At the end of the project, our clients receive a time lapse DVD of their project.

How Low Can It Go?

In the last issue of *Derrick Digest* we reported that our Experience Modification Rate (the insurance industry's measure of a company's safety record) was an amazingly low 0.59. Our carrier was asked to re-calculate our "mod rate" and now it stands at 0.57!

The president of our insurance company was so amazed that he personally attended our annual safety meeting earlier this year and presented our firm with a plaque for outstanding achievement in safety and risk management, saying he doesn't ever remember insuring a firm with a mod so low before. As previously noted, this outstanding safety record helps us be very competitive and assures our clients that their projects will be done in a clean, efficient and safe manner.



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Church News

- We recently completed a 10,797-square-foot addition to the existing 12,131-square-foot **Abundant Life Church** in North Branch, Minn., 23 days ahead of schedule. The addition consists of a 427-seat sanctuary, narthex, stage area, changing rooms, restrooms and storage areas. The previous 214-seat sanctuary has been converted to a gathering hall and multi-purpose space. The addition is designed to easily expand the new sanctuary seating to 850. **Derrick Commercial Contracting** successfully teamed up with **Rice-Stromgren Architects** on this project.
- Our president, **Bill Derrick**, also a **Certified Church Consultant**, attended the first annual **Church Solutions Conference and Expo** in Phoenix, Ariz., this past winter. Bill attended numerous educational sessions and met with many of the exhibitors, which will help us better serve our church clients.
- **Bill Derrick** also had an article published in a recent issue of *Church Solutions* magazine on the advantages of using the design-build process in building churches. If your church is thinking about building in the future and missed this informative article, e-mail Bill at bill@derrickbuilt.com and he'll be happy to send you a copy.