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Pioneer Construction Receives Award Recognizing Excellence in Safety Performance

The company was also recipient of three Excellence in Construction awards for projects in West Michigan.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., October 28, 2009 – Pioneer Construction, one of the largest full-service general contracting, design-build, and construction management companies in Michigan, today announced it has received the **2009 Construction Safety Award of Excellence** from the Western Michigan Chapter of the Associated Builders & Contractors (ABC), a construction industry association.

“Assuring a safe work environment for all of our employees and business partners has always been a top priority at Pioneer. Our people are our greatest asset. This recognition is clearly a reflection of our team’s efforts to improving safety on every project,” said Tim Schowalter, president and CEO of Pioneer Construction. “Pioneer is proud to be recognized for this commitment and will continue to implement safety-oriented programs and policies at all of our worksites.”

The ABC Construction Safety Award of Excellence is the highest safety honor presented by the organization. It recognizes companies with exemplary safety performance and programs, as well as companies that exhibit a continued commitment to job site safety by maintaining outstanding safety programs, policies and procedures. Member companies that receive the award must demonstrate to an ABC evaluation team that safety for their employees is an on-going effort and concern.

“Western Michigan ABC is proud to congratulate Pioneer Construction for its success in maintaining a very high level of construction workplace safety,” said John Doherty, President and CEO of the Western Michigan Chapter of ABC. “Pioneer has truly demonstrated its dedication to ensuring a safe environment for all employees, and it is an honor to recognize that achievement with our 2009 Construction Safety Award of Excellence.”

Pioneer also was recognized for three projects that received ABC’s **Excellence in Construction Awards**, recognizing outstanding constructions projects from across the nation.

The company received an Excellence in Construction award in **Renovation**, which acknowledges renovation of existing buildings. The Fitzgerald renovation project transformed a former YMCA building, a classic colonial revival building originally constructed in 1915, into luxury condos in downtown Grand Rapids, Mich.

For the **Pre-Engineered Building** category, Pioneer won the Excellence in Construction award for their work on the Grand Valley State University Laker Turf Building. This building was designed to provide more recreational opportunities to the college’s student population. The complex consists of 138,000 gross square feet including a six lane 300 meter indoor track with nine sprint lanes, multi-purpose rooms for various student activities, student locker/shower rooms and more. The entire building is also LEED Certified.

The Excellence in Construction award for **Structural Steel Erection** was granted to Pioneer thanks to the work done on the Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital located in Grand Rapids, Mich. Today, the hospital is a regional referral center dedicated to improving the health and lives of children and families.

ABC is a national association representing 25,000 merit shop construction and construction-related firms in 79 chapters across the United States. ABC’s membership represents all specialties within the U.S. construction industry and is comprised primarily of firms that perform work in the industrial and commercial sectors of the industry.

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About Pioneer Construction

Founded in 1933, Pioneer Construction is one of the largest full service general contracting, design-build, and construction management companies in Michigan offering a full range of construction services. Headquartered in Grand Rapids, Mich., Pioneer emphasizes the company's commitment to build on the values, quality, and service of the past with the vision and innovation of a new generation. The Company strives to bring unparalleled value to customers through delivering high quality construction projects, while also maintaining an active dedication to the promotion of sustainable design and construction practices as outlined by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC). To find out more about Pioneer Construction, please visit www.pioneerinc.com.

About Associated Builders and Contractors

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) is a national association with 79 chapters representing 25,000 merit shop construction and construction-related firms with 2 million employees. The organization represents commercial, industrial and institutional contractors, subcontractors, material/equipment suppliers and industry support professionals. The Western Michigan Chapter's membership includes more than 500 companies throughout the western half of Michigan. For more information visit us at www.abcwmc.org.

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