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Top Metal Contractors

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Grand Rapids, Mich.-based Pioneer Construction is a fourth generation family-owned business focused on providing exceptional construction solutions for its clients. It is dedicated to building facilities that perform—on time and on budget.

“With over 77 years of experience [the business was founded in 1933], we have been fortunate to build many landmark environments in which people learn, heal, worship, work, govern, play, shop and live,” said Director of Business Development & Sales Chris Beckering.

“We have intentionally developed diverse project experience so we can apply best practices from a broad range of construction types to benefit each assignment. As a true builder employing over 200 talented craft and trade professionals, we offer unmatched self-performance ability and quality control.”

With expertise in a variety of delivery methods including general contracting, design/ build and construction management, Pioneer customizes its approach based on the specifics of each project and the goals of its clients.

“Our cultural commitment to sustainable design and construction, safety, inclusion, and community involvement distinguish us within our industry,” Beckering said.

Pioneer is an authorized builder for Memphis, Tenn.-based Varco Pruden Buildings and has extensive experience with pre-engineered metal building systems and metal cladding systems, and self-performs structural steel erection services.



The well diversified company serves 28 construction sub-markets. The bulk of Pioneer’s current workload is in educational construction and health care related construction. Pioneer also delivers customized metal solutions via its Metal Tech Building Specialists division. These services include: standing seam metal roofing, wall panel systems, metal soffit and fascia systems, coping caps and gravel stops, cornice systems, aluminum composite wall panels, and custom gutters and downspouts.

Pioneer became the first contractor in the Midwest to receive the Associated Builders and Contractors Green Contractor certification in 2009, and only the ninth in the nation. Pioneer also received ABC’s Construction Safety Award of Excellence and Award of Excellence for Pre-engineered Metal Construction in 2009, and an Award of Excellence for Structural Steel Construction in 2008. Pioneer also has several pre-engineered metal buildings in Varco Pruden’s Building Hall of Fame.



Surviving the Recession: “Pioneer continues to experience success as a result of exceptional relationships with our clients built on trust,” Beckering said. “Our reputation for delivering quality construction on time and on budget and our ability to provide creative solutions drives our continued business development. The overwhelming majority of our business comes from repeat business with our clients and the direct referrals they provide.”

“Pioneer will continue to innovate in anticipation of our clients’ needs, particularly in the areas of sustainable and LEED certified construction, life cycle costing and building information modeling.”

Guiding Principles: Beckering further stressed that the philosophy of the company depends on building relationships that last by delivering quality construction in a timely and cost-effective manner.