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Pioneer Construction Named No. 1 "Green Contractor" in West Michigan, Top 100 in Nation, by Engineering News Record Magazine

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., September 16, 2009 – Pioneer Construction, one of the largest full service contracting and construction employers in West Michigan, today announced that it has been named the **number one Green Contractor in West Michigan** and ranked 75th in the United States by *Engineering News-Record* (ENR), a prominent magazine tracking the construction industry.

Pioneer's rank on ENR's overall green building list represents the highest ranking for any West Michigan based firm, and the second-highest ranking in Michigan. The rankings are based on construction and contracting revenue from registered or certified sustainable projects. Engineering News Record is the leading magazine covering the construction industry.

"We are proud to be number one in West Michigan, and noted as one of the nation's top green contractors. Pioneer has a cultural commitment to sustainable practices, and our focus is on helping our customers develop buildings that perform in every way." said Tim Schowalter, president of Pioneer Construction. "Our buildings must provide quantifiable returns for the owners – this includes incorporation of sustainable building principles that provide demonstrable life-cycle cost savings. Our sustainable construction methods and existing LEED projects are prime examples of Pioneer's attention to the needs of our clients, their bottom lines, and our community."

This is the second consecutive year that Pioneer has been ranked by ENR as the top green contractor for West Michigan and among the top 100 in the country.

LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is a system designed by the U.S. Green Building Council to certify and rate facilities on conservation, energy reduction and sustainability. This year's Top 100 Green Contractors generated \$38.69 billion in 2008 from projects that either were registered or certified with a major third-party environmental standards or ratings group, a 69.9% increase from last year. There are three Michigan firms on the Green Contractors list.

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 services. Headquartered in Grand Rapids, Mich., Pioneer emphasizes the company's commitment to build on the values, quality, and service that define its seventy-six year history 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.. To find out more about Pioneer Construction, please visit www.pioneerinc.com.

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