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## ESI Group Receives Projects of Distinction Award for California Project

**HARTLAND, Wis. (February 23, 2012)** –ESI Group, a full-service engineering and construction firm, was given the Associated Builders and Contractors of Wisconsin's (ABC) Silver Award in the General Construction - Industrial (Over \$3 Million) category at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Projects of Distinction awards ceremony.

The program selects 32 projects deserving of either a gold or silver award. Projects need to meet predefined standards in terms of Safety, Scope, Project Value, References, and ABC member project involvement to be considered a qualified entry.

The judging panel included: Ryan Novak of UW-Platteville, Ann Richmond of The Daily Reporter, Ludwig Ridder, Independent Architect, Glendali Rodriguez of UW-Stout, Bob Wing a retired ABC member, and Clair Urbain of Urbain Communications.

ESI was honored for a 19,428 square foot Business Review and Conference Center addition project completed in Walnut, California for global broadline food distributor Sysco.

This complex addition for Sysco provided a dual preparation area for two simultaneous customer food product demonstrations; a 5,800 square foot conference facility with operable partitions for division into four (4) separate meeting rooms; a 400 square foot fine dining room for special presentations, a new lobby, offices for the Business Review personnel, as well as new parking and alterations to existing parking areas.

Sysco is the global leader in selling, marketing and distributing food products to restaurants, healthcare and educational facilities, lodging establishments and other customers who prepare meals away from home. Its family of products also includes equipment and supplies for the food service and hospitality industries.

President, Brad Barke of ESI states, "This project had unique challenges, but the dedicated project team was able to successfully complete the project on time and within our customers budget while maintaining a fully operational facility for Sysco during construction." We are proud to have this accomplishment recognized and hope for continued success in the future.

ESI looks forward to submitting qualifying projects in future programs.



ESI partnered with Sysco and Jamie Roach Design as well as many other subcontractors and suppliers to expand Sysco's existing food distribution center.

The project was honored with a Silver in ABC's 2011 Projects of Distinction Program.

Pictured from left to right is Jerome Olander of ESI Design Services, Inc., Norman Engle of Sysco and Thomas White of ESI Constructors, Inc.

**About ESI Group USA (ESI)**

ESI is a full service Engineering and Construction firm specializing in quality design-build services for the food industry. ESI provides services for new construction, expansion, and renovation projects nationwide with offices in the Midwest, and on the East and West coasts. We specialize in the design, engineering, and construction of warehouses, distribution centers, and foodservice facilities, particularly in controlled temperature structures. Our experience and knowledge enables our firm to provide you a Guaranteed Maximum Price with minimal design. Our Single Source Responsibility Approach will respond to your company's need for cost-effective, functional facilities, consistent with your time requirements.

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