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## **ESI Group Honored with ABC's Gold Award for US Foods Texas Project**

**HARTLAND, WI. (February 19, 2013)** – ESI Group, a full-service engineering and construction firm, was given the Associated Builders and Contractors of Wisconsin's (ABC) Gold Award in the General Construction - Industrial (Over \$3 Million) category at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Project of Distinction awards ceremony.

The program selects 31 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: Jody Endres of Short Elliot Hendrickson, Inc., Ryan Novak of UW-Platteville, Ann Richmond of The Daily Reporter, Ludwig Ridder of Ridder Design, Jay Salvo of Jay Slavo Photography and Clair Urbain of Urbain Communications.

ESI was honored for a 291,391 square foot LEED Silver certified refrigerated distribution center completed in Buda, Texas for broadline food distributor US Foods.

The state-of-the art project stretched the design-build project team to implement US Foods rebranding strategies including the application of their first LEED certified facility in less than 12 months. Technology new to US Foods, was utilized including the cascade refrigeration system, the heat recovery system for hot water, the day-lighting and low-voltage lighting control systems, and the cistern collection system for landscape irrigation. The project team remained persistent under pressure to overcome the scheduling challenges to successfully turn over the facility prior to US Foods' peak inventory period for the 2011 school year.

President, Brad Barke of ESI states, "This project had unique challenges from conception, but the dedicated project teams were able to successfully complete the project on time and within our customers budget as well as achieve both ESI and US Foods first LEED certified building." We are proud to have this accomplishment recognized and hope for continued success in the future.

For more information on this project please visit [www.esigroupusa.com](http://www.esigroupusa.com).

### **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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