

ESI Group Receives ABC's Gold Award for South Florida Expansion Project

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 18th 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: Caley Clinton from the Daily Reporter, Ludwig Ridder of Ridder Design, Glendali Rodriguez of UW-Stout, Marc Shelstrom of UW-Platteville, Clair Urbain of Urbain Communications, and Bob Wing a retired ABC member.

ESI was honored for the 167,000 square foot warehouse expansion project completed in Boca Raton, Florida for broadline food distributor, U.S. Foodservice, Inc.

The multi-million dollar expansion at U.S. Foodservice-South Florida doubled the facility's dry storage, refrigeration space, freezer space, and office space, and will help the food distributor provide food products to restaurants, hospitals, schools and others throughout southern Florida.

President Brad Barke of ESI states, "The Boca project had many challenges for all involved, but together we were able to complete the project on time and within our customers budget." We are proud to have this accomplishment recognized and hope for continued success in the future.

Competition in this category included Stevens Construction Corporation of Madison, Wisconsin. They were awarded a silver for their 176,000 square foot freezer addition project at Certco, Inc. In total Stevens Construction Corporation won 1 gold and 4 silver awards across several program categories at the event.

ESI looks forward to submitting qualifying projects for future programs.



Pictured from left to right is an ABC representative then David Bye and Mark Gehl of ESI Constructors, Inc., Tim Gibbons of ESI Design Services, Inc., and Art Roman of U.S. Foodservice, Inc.



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