



## NEWS RELEASE

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### ESI Group recognized for construction excellence in 2022

**HARTLAND, WI., November 8, 2022** – ESI Group USA (ESI Group) is being recognized for excellence in construction by Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) of Wisconsin for the design and construction of Ben E. Keith’s Greenfield Food Distribution Facility in New Brockton, Alabama.

ESI Group received a SILVER Projects of Distinction Award by Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) of Wisconsin for its work on the project. The Projects of Distinction Awards recognizes construction projects that are built on merit and are judged by a panel of construction experts based on several criteria, including quality, owner satisfaction, unusual challenges, and safety. ABC will honor ESI at the Projects of Distinction Excellence in Construction Awards Banquet in January.

The impressive 395,000-square-foot temperature-controlled food distribution facility features a state-of-the-art ammonia refrigeration system, utilization of “SafeConnect” at the perishable dock for no-idle cooling of refrigerated trailers, and the facility is expandable up to one million square feet.

Projects are recognized in several different types and sizes of general construction and specialty trades. Projects are all completed between October 2021 and September 2022.

“Projects of Distinction demonstrate the excellence in construction services by ABC of Wisconsin members,” said John Mielke, president of ABC of Wisconsin. “These unique projects are evaluated by a panel of experts in the field, including architects, engineers and educators in the construction industry and allow Wisconsin’s merit contractors to demonstrate their professionalism, craftsmanship and safety.”

ESI Group’s Founder and President Brad Barke added, “On behalf of ESI Group’s entire leadership team, I want to congratulate Ben E. Keith Foods and all of our project team members and subcontractors for such a successful collaborative effort.” “We are proud to have this accomplishment recognized and hope for continued success in the future.”

A list of the award winners can be found at [abcwi.org/POD](http://abcwi.org/POD).

For more information on ESI Group, visit <https://www.esigroupusa.com>.

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### About ESI Group

ESI Group is a nationwide design-build firm dedicated to supporting companies that safely feed the world. Since 1991, our sole focus has been on designing and constructing temperature-controlled facilities for cold storage, food distribution, food processing, and automated facilities. Our “single source” approach streamlines the design-build process allowing the ESI Group team to focus on the needs of the customer, the success of their project, and their financial bottom line. For a listing of projects underway or recently completed please visit our website at <https://esigroupusa.com/projects>.