

## PRESS RELEASE

### Stresscon Project Wins Gold Star Award

Denver, Colo. (December 23, 2014) - The CHI St. Joseph's Health Hospital & Medical Office Building has earned a Gold Star Award as the top project in the Commercial Building Category in the 2014 North Dakota Ready Mix & Concrete Products Association Gold Stars Awards Program. The NDRM&CPA recognizes North Dakota projects for excellence in concrete and masonry design and construction. All award winners will be featured in a special edition Hard Facts Gold Star Awards Publication.

The hospital project was submitted to highlight the use of architectural precast products, as well as high performance insulated wall panel systems accommodating high energy efficiency requirements. The NDRM&CPA program is designed to recognize creative, innovative, aesthetic, and imaginative uses of precast concrete and masonry.

Located in Dickinson, ND, CHI St. Joseph Health's new state-of-the-art facility includes a 25-bed critical access hospital with a level IV trauma center, and all clinic locations housed in one building. The project received the award based on the notable continuous insulation building envelope, complexity of architectural features, and the logistical challenges encompassed with shipping and erecting the precast pieces 670 miles from Stresscon's Colorado Springs, CO plant.

A collaborative design-build team including Davis Partners Architects, JE Dunn Construction, and Stresscon Corporation participated in creation of the 104,000 square foot facility. The precast components were erected over 26 days.

Stresscon provided 331 precast pieces, including the high performance thermally efficient precast wall panels for the project. The precast panels feature an acid etch surface, two colors, architectural banding, reveals, and protrusions. With edge to edge insulation, the wall panels achieve an R-value of 20, well in excess of the ASHRAE 90.1 requirements for all wall systems.

CHI St. Joseph's Health has been serving southwestern North Dakota region since 1912. With a focus on exceptional medicine, the group continues to expand services and expand technology to better serve the region. CHI St. Joseph's is part of Catholic Health Initiatives, the second largest Catholic health care system in the United States. CHI is a non-profit organization, operating hospitals, long-term care facilities, assisted living facilities, and residential units in 18 states.

#### **About Stresscon Corporation**

Stresscon Corporation designs, fabricates, and erects quality structural and architectural precast concrete structures for the construction communities of Colorado and the Rocky Mountain region. Founded in 1967, and a member of the EnCon Companies since 1993, Stresscon is PCI certified and specializes in institutional and commercial applications. To learn more, visit [www.Stresscon.com](http://www.Stresscon.com).

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