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Ahlberg Receives LEED Certification



Jason Ahlberg, project manager for Vos Glass, Inc., received his LEED Accredited Professional

certification from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) with a specialty in Building Design and Construction. Jason joined the Vos Glass staff in 2009. He holds a Master's Degree in Architecture from the University of Detroit Mercy.

Vos Glass Safety Award

Vos Glass, Inc. was recognized with a safety award from Amerisure Mutual Insurance (through their Premier Partner agency Wells Fargo Insurance Services) for attaining over 479 days without a loss time injury. Merlin Calkins of Amerisure says, "Vos Glass, Inc. has demonstrated a very positive attitude by aggressively looking

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Linda Vos-Graham



Vos Glass, Inc. Helps Give Holland Hospital a New Look

Window replacement has dramatically improved the exterior appearance and energy efficiency of Holland Hospital, thanks to the expertise of Vos Glass, Inc. The Vos Glass team reworked window openings, replaced outdated and inefficient horizontal windows and installed a new curtainwall system.

The goal of the renovation was to create a consistent look throughout the hospital complex, using the newer architecture as a model to update the older construction. Vos Glass, Inc. worked with the construction manager, Elzinga & Volkers, and the architecture firm, Matthei & Colin Associates (M&CA), to coordinate the successful completion of the project.

"Elzinga & Volkers and Holland Hospital were looking for the right partner for this project. The work required technical expertise, critical planning, thorough logistics and the highest quality. Vos Glass delivered in all areas," said Joe Novakoski, Elzinga & Volkers.

One of the biggest challenges of the project was the reconfiguration of window systems on the six-story patient care building. The architect designed a new vertical-looking aluminum and glass curtainwall with arch tops for installation on the outside of the hospital's brick facade. The system projects outward which presented special challenges in closing off and sealing the head, sill and jamb areas. This method of installation made it possible to renovate the exterior while still utilizing patient rooms. Special care was taken to limit construction noises and other potential disturbances.

The Vos Glass, Inc. team also installed 20,000 square feet of vision and spandrel blue insulating glass into three different aluminum-framing systems. Operating vent windows were required in all patient rooms and several other areas. Vos Glass,

for areas to reduce work place injuries.”

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Inc. provided the necessary UL-rated fire-stopping construction at the floor lines of the window openings.

The interior of the sixth floor was completely redesigned, gutted and renovated. This floor required state-mandated specifications for psychiatric care, with large operable awning-type windows that have four-ply multilayer laminated glass, internal blind construction and protective screens.



Vos Glass Expands Recycling Efforts with Padnos

Vos Glass, Inc. makes recycling a high priority and has always recycled as much aluminum as possible, including cut-offs from fabrication and demolished materials from retrofit projects.

Beginning in April 2010, Vos Glass, Inc. decided to improve its recycling efforts even further, teaming up with Louis Padnos Iron & Metal Co. (Padnos), a local, family owned and operated business that has been recycling for over 100 years. Padnos believes that recycling is the key to solving many problems that plague our world, including overflowing landfills, expensive and dwindling energy supplies and environmental pollution.

“We’re very excited about this partnership with Padnos,” says Linda Vos-Graham, president of Vos Glass, Inc. “They’ve encouraged us to expand our recycling efforts and have provided innovative ideas to make the recycling process more efficient.”

By manufacturing aluminum products from recyclables, energy is saved and greenhouse gas emissions are reduced.

“Recycling aluminum impacts the environment more than we realize,” says Brett Schneider, Account Executive at Padnos.

According to the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, one ton of recycled aluminum conserves up to eight tons of aluminum bauxite ore and 14 megawatt hours of electricity. Additionally, making new aluminum from old aluminum uses 95% less energy than producing the same product from virgin ore. Approximately 4.5 million tons of aluminum is recycled in the United States annually.

Linda Vos-Graham says Vos Glass will continue to improve and refine their recycling program. “Think about this—every time you recycle 10 lbs. of aluminum cans, you’re reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 16 lbs., which is equivalent to seven gallons of gasoline!”



Vos Glass Resource Series • Summer 2010

Vos Glass, Inc. keeps professionals in the know with a variety of monthly presentations. Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments provided.

Class size is limited.

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Dow Corning

Sealant Solutions

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Discuss how silicone sealants are used in construction applications. Learn about the range of availability of product forms including free flowing, cure in place gasketing, elastomeric silicone rubber and lubricating greases.

Dow Corning is a provider of innovative silicon-based products, services, and technologies. Their construction sealants are approved for use all over the globe and comply with ASTM, OSI, GB/T (China), BS 5889 and others.

Presented by Pete Tompson, Dow Corning

Wausau Windows

Window Selection: For Sustainability & Long-term Performance

Wednesday, August 18, 2010

3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Learn to distinguish between fenestration types, establish appropriate window selection criteria and use industry standards to define performance levels. Discuss how to compare products and understand LEED impacts.

Nationally recognized for its innovative expertise, Wausau Window and Wall Systems is an industry leader in engineering window and curtainwall systems for commercial and institutional construction applications.

Presented by Matt Rinkowski, Architectural Sales Representative

This is an AIA / CES continuing education credit event.



Tom Hillbrands, Greg Richardson, Bobby Dilworth and Larry Foote. Photo by M-Buck Studio.

Long-Term Employees Retire

At the Vos Glass Annual Business Dinner in April, four newly retired employees were honored for a combined 98 years of service to the company.

Tom Hillbrands joined Vos Glass in 1982. He wrapped up his career working on Phase Two of the Van Andel Institute—a very high profile project.

Well known for his energy, Larry Foote made his career in commercial construction. He became a Vos Glass employee in 1985. He has been instrumental in training the company's newest glaziers.

Bobby Dilworth has been one of the company's fabricators since 1987, serving as head glazier at the glass-cutting table.

Greg Richardson came to Vos Glass in 1988, working as a utility glazier in the service area as well as retail and commercial construction.

"All four of these men were hired by my father, founder Jake Vos," said Linda Vos-Graham, Vos Glass president. "They have seen the number of employees in

our company triple in the past decade. They have been an important part of the Vos Glass family for many years, and will be greatly missed. We wish each of them a very happy retirement.”

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