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Construction news and trends, plus a little light-heartedness

Green Building: Is It Profitable For You?

Green this, green that! Everybody is talking green. We don't know about you, but this tells us that the other kind of green is involved...MONEY! Let's face it, building green isn't sexy like the hula hoop or light beer (two products best used separately!), it simply refers to guidelines and principles for building better, right?

Wrong!! Although building green does offer guidelines for building better, it's really about being earth friendly. This world-saving practice provides for proper stewardship of the earth's resources while (let's say it together) SAVING YOU BOAT LOADS OF MONEY! Who would think that being environmentally responsible makes great economic sense?

Let's say you are planning on building a new facility for \$1.5 million. Your eventual life cycle costs for that facility (the amount of money to operate it for its expected lifetime) will be an additional \$8.5 million. If you were to implement green building technologies, you could save 20% of those life cycle costs, or \$1.7 million to be exact. Your potential savings are greater than your initial investment!

For more than 60 years, Lacy Construction has utilized one of the principal guidelines of green building—value engineering—the practice of evaluating the planned details, methods and materials used in

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Dual Projects at Central Community College

Clay Hall and Gausman Dental

The facility needs of higher education are continually expanding. Lacy Construction is proud to be a part of that growth and development for Central Community College (CCC). Currently, we are working on two projects on

CCC's Hastings campus.

The first project is Clay Hall, originally built in the 1940s for the U.S. Navy. What was a naval administration building has now become a college dormitory. Approximately 18,000 square feet of existing building was gutted, leaving only bare brick and concrete. Three additions, totaling



The front entrance to Central Community College's Clay Hall as built in the 1940s.

approximately 6,000 square feet, are being added to the structure. The resulting 24,000 square feet will house 90 students, a supervisor's apartment, housing offices and plenty of storage space. The 11-month project started the first of January and will be completed in early December.

Lacy is also working on the Gausman Dental Hygiene Renovation. A broken water pipe under the concrete floor alerted the college to some infrastructure problems at the Gausman building. We are tearing out a 4,000-square-foot area down to the dirt under the floor. A new concrete subfloor will be poured and everything on the interior will be built on suspended floor panels. The plumbing will run under this suspended floor, allowing for future access if needed. The finished space will house new classroom and lab areas for the dental hygiene program. Begun on May 1, the project will be complete in mid-August.

Both Clay Hall and Gausman are following tight construction schedules, but both are also utilizing green technology in design and construction. Central Community College is making great strides in moving its projects toward an environmentally-friendly future.



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Lacy Honored With Varco Pruden Million Dollar Sales Award

At an awards ceremony in San Diego, Calif., in January, Lacy Construction was recognized for outstanding sales of Varco Pruden Buildings. Lacy was presented with a plaque in honor of achieving an annual sales volume of one million dollars.



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constructing a project so that recommendations can be made to maximize every dollar you spend, without any sacrifice to quality.

Does green building cost more? In most cases, a larger initial investment is required, and the amount of that extra investment is ultimately determined by the level of green you wish to achieve. However, as shown in the example cited earlier, the return on that investment is enormous. Think beyond today when deciding what price to pay; the low number today is most likely the high number of tomorrow.

So, can you profit from green building? Yes you can! Give us a call to discuss green building and how to incorporate it into your project.

P.S. We will be conducting interviews for the 1st Annual Light Beer Hula Hoop Contest. Interested?



For those of you who held onto the last Lacy Ledger or simply have good memories, you'll notice that our trailer hasn't moved, but the building has changed dramatically. This is now home to Anixter Fasteners and Hastings Foods.



Large office addition for Principal Financial Group in progress. Look for a complete write-up with photos of the finished project in an upcoming issue of The Lacy Ledger.

What's Up At Lacy?

Projects in Progress

Grand Island, Nebraska:

- Case IH Additions
- Nebraska Dept. of Roads Addition

Hastings, Nebraska:

Central Community College:

- Clay Hall
- Gausman Dental

Projects Recently Completed

Grand Island, Nebraska:

- Anixter Fasteners New Facility
- Hastings Foods New Facility
- Central Nebraska Regional Airport Addition
- Principal Financial Addition

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