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 **FBI Buildings**

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BUILDINGS

For nearly 60 years, FBi has been a leader in post-frame construction. Over that time, we've earned a reputation for exacting standards, quality construction and getting the job done right.

This book should give you an overview of commercial post-frame buildings and how FBi works. The gallery showcases a range of possibilities, as well as our capabilities. We hope you find it helpful.

POST-FRAME BUILDINGS MEAN BUSINESS

Whether you're attracting retail customers, welcoming professional clients, educating students, providing prime leasing space or housing warehouse inventory, a post-frame building is right for the job. After all, post-frame structures deliver essential benefits, not to mention a great return on your investment.

THE BENEFITS OF POST-FRAME

A favorite of architects, contractors and business owners alike, this type of construction offers:

- **FLEXIBILITY & VERSATILITY**

Post-frame is ideal for open, adaptable or multi-use floor plans, offering complete design freedom. You can put windows or doors virtually anywhere you want. As for curb appeal, choose from a variety of exterior finishes such as vinyl, steel, wood, brick and stucco. Roofs of any pitch can be covered with metal, asphalt, wood, tile or slate.

- **TIME & COST EFFICIENCY**

A post-frame building system doesn't require as many load-bearing walls to achieve structural integrity. This equates to less material costs, less time spent framing and building, and less labor. You can imagine what that could mean to your bottom line.

- **STRENGTH & DURABILITY**

Post-frame structures meet the Uniform Building Code (UBC) and International Building Code (IBC) standards. Of course, FBI prefers to exceed standards. So we design, engineer and construct for true structural integrity, making sure every component we use — from MSR lumber to 80,000 PSI tensile strength steel to exterior grade fasteners — works together to create a building of enduring strength and value.

OUR APPROACH TO POST-FRAME BUILDINGS

Our approach to post-frame buildings can be summed up in one word: Comprehensive. From design to engineering to construction, we can handle every aspect of the building process. This seamless approach makes for a smoother process; it reduces your risk and alleviates headaches. Most of all, it guarantees everyone is on the same page and working with the same commitment to quality and attention to detail.

- **DESIGN & ENGINEERING**

Our primary goal is to give you a building with true structural integrity. That requires a thorough approach. We take into account every aspect of your building: the site, how you will use your structure, your business needs and goals, codes and permits, elements like wind and snow, and more. Once we have a design, one of our structural engineers confirms loads and evaluates every building component. Even though we've built over 20,000 structures, we still test materials for performance and strength; we even engineer our own trusses to ensure they are up to our standards.

- **PROFESSIONAL & ACCOUNTABLE CREW**

We can design and engineer for structural integrity, but it's our contractors and construction crews that bring it to life. At FBi, we don't subcontract a crew; we hire and train employees. We make sure they're experienced in post-frame construction, that they conduct themselves professionally and with respect, and that they share our commitment to doing it right.

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Yes, post-frame construction is frequently used for agriculture buildings like barns, stables and the like. But don't let that limit your perceptions — or imagination. With strong design and innovative engineering, this type of construction offers incredible flexibility and aesthetic appeal.

Browse our post-frame gallery to see what we mean.



IRVINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

INDIANAPOLIS, IN

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN - MARION COUNTY

Irvington Elementary School is a part of a public charter school system sponsored by the Indianapolis Mayor's Office of Education Innovation. Here, students go to school all year, receive a well-rounded education in a respectful environment and begin their journey to a meaningful adulthood.

It's an ambitious mission that required a special building to make it work, which is why Irvington Community School turned to FBi and post-frame construction.



“Irvington Community Schools wanted an elementary school that would welcome students, create an organized, effective learning environment, and accommodate everything from lockers and hallways to restrooms and a gymnasium. And they wanted cost-efficiency as well. We knew that with our expertise in post-frame construction, we could deliver the whole package. And we did.”

MIKE SHEETZ, FBi BUILDINGS



DETAILS:

Irvington Elementary School inspires kindergarten through 5th grade children all year long in its post-frame school building.

EXTERIOR: For curb appeal, the school features brick wainscoting and trim, as well as a large porch entrance that protects students and parents from rain, snow and hot sun.

WINDOWS: Numerous windows allow for plenty of natural light and a more pleasant environment.

LARGE, OPEN SPACE: Every elementary school needs a gymnasium, and Irvington's doesn't disappoint. Its soaring ceilings are perfect for basketball games, gym class, school plays and concerts.

FLEXIBILITY FOR A MULTITUDE OF NEEDS: Post-frame design allows for easy subdivision into classrooms, restrooms, offices and locker-lined hallways.



WATSEKA FORD

WATSEKA, IL

In today's competitive car market, dealers need to offer better selection, top-notch service, comfortable waiting areas and a clean, modern feel. Watseka Ford is a perfect example, due in part to their post-frame building.

"We looked at pre-fab, steel and post-frame, and post-frame met our needs every time," explained General Manager John Bell. "The roof provides a flat surface ceiling, which gave us the option to use surface lighting mounts that give a more finished look and feel. The combination of roof line and drop ceilings meant more insulation and greater energy efficiencies."

"But what really sold us was the wide-open square footage that was completely customizable. That was a game-changer for our showroom, and it gave the entire dealership a more current and professional look."

JOHN BELL, WATSEKA FORD

FBI worked with Watseka Ford throughout the entire process, listening to their building needs, then designing and engineering the structure to enhance their sales and service processes. Finally, our crew brought every detail to life.

"This building has raised the bar; it's allowed us to create the car dealership we've always envisioned. We can't say enough about it, or FBI," Bell concluded.



DETAILS:

Watseka Ford uses its main 16,000 square foot post-frame building to showcase the latest models, its top-notch service department and its commitment to customer service.

LARGE OVERHEAD DOORS: FBi used large overhead doors to provide easy access to the showroom and service area. The windows create a sense of openness and provide a source of light.

ACOUSTICAL STEEL LINING: To reduce noise, FBi installed acoustical steel lining in the service bays.

EXTERIOR FINISHES: The facade uses a variety of materials in ash gray and demonstrates post-frame design flexibility.

CARPORT CANOPY: To showcase even more cars in a covered area, FBi added a carport canopy.



CARIBBEAN POOLS

VALPARAISO, IN

Caribbean Pools was founded in 1976 with one goal: “To transform your backyard into a uniquely personal retreat that will refresh your spirit, renew your relationships and revive your playful side.”

Today, the company builds, services and maintains inground pools and spas, and offers three fully-staffed retail stores, including an FBi post-frame building in Valparaiso.

“Caribbean Pools built a solid and successful company dedicated to providing quality customer service. Our building is part of that. They wanted a structure that welcomed customers, reflected their sense of fun and provided ample room to showcase their range of products and services.”

MIKE SHEETZ, FBi BUILDINGS

Once the ownership understood the time and cost efficiencies that came with post-frame construction, FBi went to work designing, engineering and building a spacious showroom, a warehouse storage area and a highly recognizable front entrance.

“Post-frame gave Caribbean Pools the option to easily use different materials on the exterior of the building, and create a building that’s a real stand-out,” added Sheetz.



DETAILS:

Caribbean Pools welcomes customers, makes sales and warehouses materials in its 48' x 48' x 20' & 24' x 32' x 10' post-frame building.

MULTIPLE WINDOWS: One of the great benefits of post-frame construction is design flexibility, especially when it comes to doors and windows. Caribbean Pools takes full advantage of this.

EXTERIOR FINISHES: To make a splash, the building's entrance is housed in a concrete pool liner, flanked by mosaics of palm trees. The rest of the structure features cultured stone exterior walls with a Galvalume® steel roof coated with Kynar 500® paint.

SNOW GUARDS: Even in the dead of winter, customers visit Caribbean Pools to plan for the warm days ahead. Snow guards minimize the risk of falling ice and snow.



BANE-WELKER EQUIPMENT

PENDLETON, IN

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PENDLETON, IN - HANCOCK COUNTY

The folks at Bane-Welker have seen quite a lot of changes over the last decade. Formerly Heartland New Holland, their company became Bane Equipment in 2010, then renamed Bane-Welker Equipment in January 2013 and moved into a new building in May 2013. An FBi post-frame building.

“We are a full-line Case IH dealer, and we also carry J&M, MacDon Grain Platforms, Thunder Creek Fuel Trailers and other brands. Basically, we’re here for all your ag needs, including tractor, planter, tillage, combine, hay equipment and precision farming,” explained Phil Bane, CEO.

Such large equipment required an expansive showroom, warehouse space and a working shop, which is why Bane-Welker turned to FBi.



“They had a great reputation for post-frame construction; they know their stuff but they’re also incredibly collaborative. They listen. Today, we have a building that gives us all the room we need, and will last for decades. It’s everything we need.”

PHIL BANE, BANE-WELKER EQUIPMENT



DETAILS:

Bane-Welker uses its 90' x 120' x 20' & 70' x 100' x 18' post-frame building as a shop and retail area.

EXTERIOR AESTHETICS: The stone wainscot and storefront offers a consumer-friendly aesthetic while the 8' entry porch welcomes customers in.

OVERHEAD DOORS: Provide plenty of room for the large vehicles and equipment Bane-Welker sells and services.

ABUNDANT WINDOWS: Let in natural light and create a warm atmosphere.

INTERIOR STEEL CEILING LINER PACKAGE: Makes for an easy-to-clean, durable surface in the shop.

INTERIOR AESTHETICS: Bane-Welker chose a unique angled front entry and designer walls with matching trim.



ZUNI'S HOUSE OF PIZZA

CEDAR LAKE, IN

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CEDAR LAKE, IN - LAKE COUNTY

As part of a small pizza chain and a community-minded restaurant, Zuni's House of Pizza welcomes families and teams, birthday celebrations and all sorts of other gatherings. From comfort foods to salads, pizza to ribs, Zuni's works hard to be your "home away from Mom's kitchen."

"Zuni's is a very active, busy restaurant; their building is really pivotal to their operation. The key benefits that come from post-frame construction — durability, flexibility, time and cost-efficiency — were ideal for their business."

MIKE SHEETZ, FBi BUILDINGS



"This type of construction allowed for an easy separation of the bar, kitchen, take-out and dining areas, and it gave Zuni's the flexibility to create a unique look and feel," Sheetz concluded.



DETAILS:

Zuni's serves up pizza pies in its 50' x 40' x 12' post-frame building.

UNIQUE AESTHETICS: For a more welcoming and attractive facade, Zuni's opted for custom stone on its entryway and exterior, deep-fascia overhangs and a custom sign.

LARGE WINDOWS: Designed to bring in abundant natural light, not to mention customers.

AL FRESCO DINING: For those who'd rather dine outside, FBI created a concrete outside dining area and sidewalk.



MOLTER AUTO SALES

MONTICELLO, IN

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MONTICELLO, IN - WHITE COUNTY

At Molter Auto Sales, you'll find "small town friendliness with big town service." For years, this company has provided good, reliable used vehicles to White County, serviced them when needed and, in the process, developed a reputation for fairness.

“We don’t rush people here; we’re not high pressure. I wanted to create an outdoor space where people could relax, discuss or think after reviewing our inventory.”

STEVE MOLTER, OWNER, MOLTER AUTO SALES



Molter also needed a way to showcase its autos inside as well as out. FBi solved both issues with a post-frame building that provided ample interior space, service bays and a welcoming exterior.



DETAILS:

Molter Auto Sales works in a 5,000 square foot showroom and service department.

WRAPAROUND PORCH: Provides a shady spot for customers to sit, talk or just relax.

OVERHEAD DOORS: Molter's maintenance garage has three bays, each with its own overhead door.

INTERIOR: By using wood siding in its storefront and office, Molter brought the rustic feel of its large porch inside.

UNIQUE EXTERIOR: The showroom features cedar log exterior siding to provide a unique appearance. It also illustrates the flexibility post-frame offers.



A&M FARM CENTER

VALPARAISO, IN

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VALPARAISO, IN - PORTER COUNTY

In Valparaiso, Indiana, A&M Farm Center is the place to go for agricultural products, lawn and garden needs, as well as light construction equipment. As a certified John Deere dealer, it also has a huge selection of branded gear and toys, including over 200 different styles of John Deere hats.

“A&M was looking for a long-term building solution that would allow them to focus on and service their customers hassle-free for years to come.”

KEN CULBRETH, F&B BUILDINGS



The farm center's large post-frame building provides the perfect area to showcase large agricultural equipment, create store displays, warehouse parts and service equipment. It also offers ample flexibility when it comes to offices and breakrooms.

“A&M has a real passion for customer service, and their new showroom is a testament to that dedication,” Culbreth concluded.



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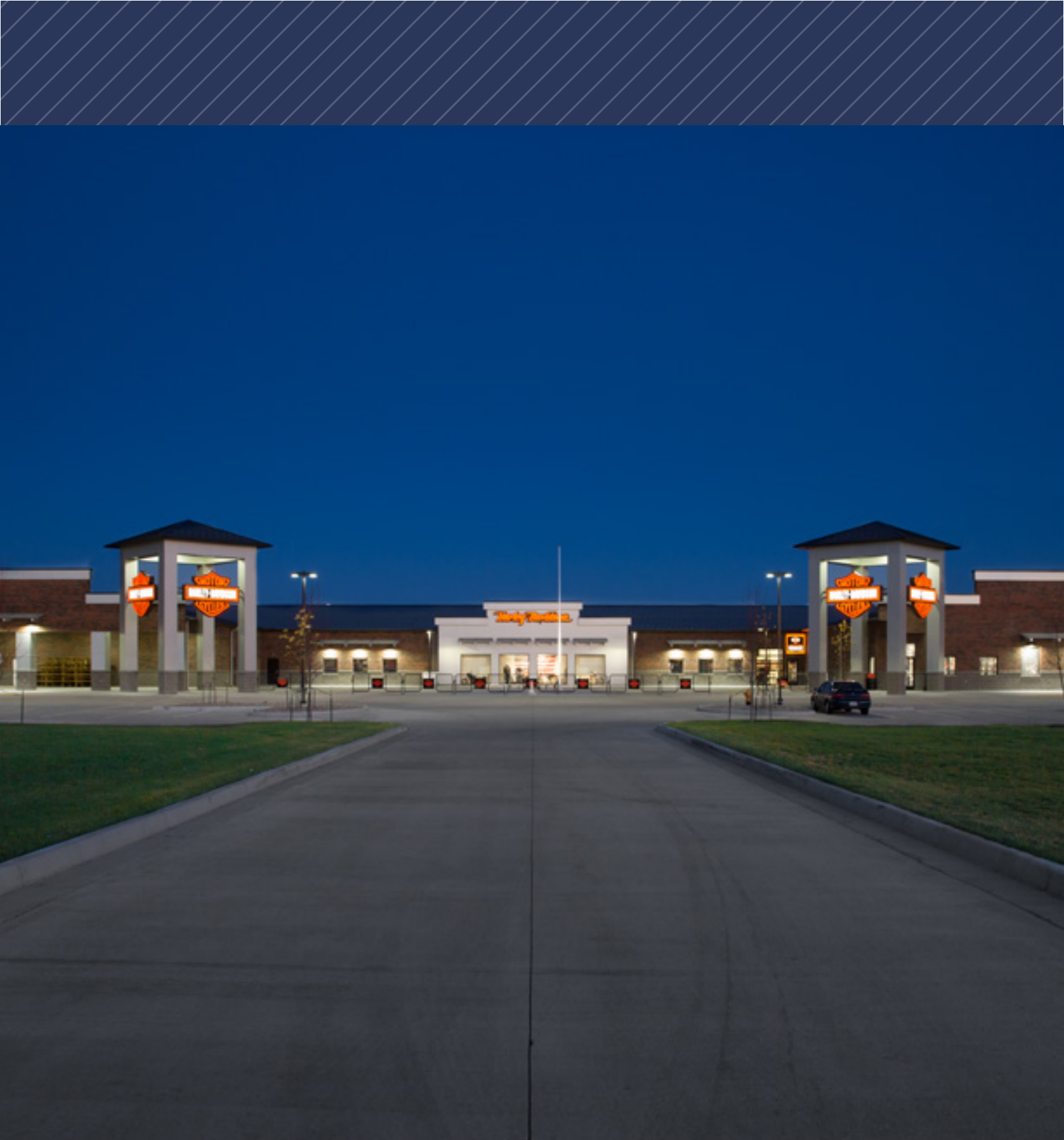
A&M Farm Center uses its 80' x 40' post-frame building to house its showroom.

SPACIOUS PORCH: At 6' x 80' feet, this porch provides a welcoming entrance, room to sit and lots of shade.

MULTIPLE WINDOWS: Flood the showroom with natural light.

SIDE SPLIT-SLIDING DOORS: Large John Deere farm equipment needs extra clearance. These doors provide it.

PAVED LOT: A&M needed extra square footage for product display and year-round access to its building; a paved lot was a perfect choice.



HUNTER'S MOON HARLEY-DAVIDSON

LAFAYETTE, IN

A Harley-Davidson® is more than a motorcycle; it's a way of life, a comradery, a legacy. Hunter's Moon Harley-Davidson knows this and wanted to create a building that celebrated the iconic motorcycle brand and enhanced customer experience.

“We wanted this Harley-Davidson dealership to be a modern and exciting store, but at the same time allow us to maintain our tradition of providing personalized customer service.”

MARK FORSZT, FORSZT MOTORCYCLE GROUP

When it came to designing, engineering and constructing his building, FBi was the natural choice. “They’ve built a total of 23 buildings for us, five of which are Harley-Davidson dealerships,” Forszt explained.

Just as he expected, FBi created a post-frame structure that met all of the dealership’s needs. There’s ample room to showcase new models and pre-owned inventory, as well as Harley parts and gear. And the structure could be subdivided into a service department and bays.”

“We don’t just provide Harleys, we provide the Harley experience,” stated Forszt. That means hosting community events, live concerts, classes on maintenance and safety, as well as organized rides. “The building needed to be able to accommodate these activities and our guests. And it does.

“At Hunter’s Moon, we want to give our customers the best of all worlds; the technology to maintain your bike in top condition, the modern conveniences to make your buying and shopping experiences a pleasure, and the traditional and personal service you deserve. Our building goes a long way to help achieve that,” concluded Forszt.



DETAILS:

Hunter's Moon Harley-Davidson dealership revs up its biker community in its 36,000 square foot post-frame building that includes its showroom, service department, warehouse, dyno room and social activity area.

DESIGN ENGINEERING: FBi used 3-D renderings to magnify critical aspects of construction and ensure structural integrity.

BUILDING MATERIALS: A number of materials were used to construct and finish the building, such as steel, wood, masonry block and brick.

EXTERIOR AESTHETICS: Dramatic curb appeal with two free-standing towers that reach over 35' tall.

THERMAL PACKAGE: 8' x 6' continuous batts of fiberglass insulation offer an R-19 insulation value with no thermal breaks.

BUILT TO LAST: Walls are made of 29 GA Galvalume® steel, then finished with 5/8" plywood and masonry/architectural panels.



MONEE FIRE PROTECTION

MONEE, IN

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MONEE, IL - WILL COUNTY

Monee is a growing community, located 35 miles south of Chicago's loop. Close knit, family oriented, with good schools and a strong community, the village of Monee offers its residents a good quality of life, part of which is enhanced by the Monee Fire District.

“We’re a combination-type department, which means we have paid personnel 24/7, who are supported by trained volunteer personnel. Our paramedics and firefighters protect 36 square miles, including the Village of Monee.”

CARL NEILAND, MONEE FIRE PROTECTION



"We needed a building that offered incredible versatility and durability," explained Neiland. "This firehouse needs to house offices, living quarters and our vehicles. FBI had the design engineers to make it happen. We have a structure that works with and for us, and will do so for years to come."



DETAILS:

Monee's Fire Station protects its community with the help of an 80' x 120' fire and rescue post-frame building with an attached office, dispatch center and living quarters.

LARGE OVERHEAD DOORS: Provide ample clearance for fire and rescue vehicles.

DESIGNED AND BUILT TO WORK: Fully-lined and insulated bays for truck storage and maintenance, as well as easy clean up and greater energy efficiency.

AMPLE WINDOWS: Flood the office area with natural light all year long.

COMMUNITY-MINDED: The covered porch area welcomes the community and provides ample shade.

AESTHETIC DETAILS: The Monee Fire Station looks good while it does good, thanks to an ash gray exterior, patrician bronze roof, color-matched trim, brick trim and wainscot.



BRISTLECONE MANAGEMENT, LLC

MERRILLVILLE, IN

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MERRILLVILLE, IN - LAKE COUNTY

Drive past the BRS Industrial Park in Merrillville, Indiana, and you'll discover dozens of business owners making a living in FBi Buildings. And you can thank Tim Styka, Bristlecone Management co-owner, for some of that. Because for the last 12 years, Tim has been developing the 46-acre park with FBi post-frame construction facilities.

“We have a good long-term relationship with FBi. Communication is key. If I have a problem, I’m able to get it resolved without any issues. If I see something, it will get rectified.”

TIM STYKA, BRISTLECONE MANAGEMENT, LLC



When Tim is happy, his tenants are happy. With responsive, experienced FBi foremen on the site, Tim is able to keep his construction projects moving efficiently forward even when a tenant requests customization.



DETAILS:

Bristlecone Management built this FBI post-frame building for a restoration company both office and storage space.

SNOW GUARDS: Northern Indiana sees its fair share of winter weather. To minimize the risk of falling ice and snow, Bristlecone added snow guards.

FALSE GABLE: Looking good is important to a restoration company. A 24' wide false gable on the office front helps increase the curb appeal.

MULTIPLE WINDOWS: Because a warm, inviting atmosphere was important to the new owners, multiple windows were added to let the light in.

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Post-frame buildings provide versatility, speed, cost effectiveness, strength and durability. As experts in post-frame design and construction, FBi offers even more — a seamless, comprehensive process, built-in quality and a building that works for you and your investment.

Visit fbibuildings.com/commercial to learn how our team of designers, engineers, contractors and crew can give you the building you want. If you have any questions or just want to talk buildings, feel free to give us a call at 800-552-2981.



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