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***Midwest Construction Selects Walsh Construction  
As 2010 Contractor of the Year***  
*~ Industry-leading construction publication  
honors region's top contractor ~*

Chicago – After narrowing the field to 8 qualified finalists, ***Midwest Construction*** magazine has chosen Walsh Construction Co. of Chicago as 2010 Contractor of the Year.

The annual designation recognizes a single Midwest contractor for its excellence, innovation and leadership in the Midwest region. This year's decision was based upon information provided by the nominee in an in-depth questionnaire, the contractor's overall performance during the previous year, as well as more than 100 reader comments and 1,700 votes at [www.midwest.construction.com](http://www.midwest.construction.com). Criteria considered in the decision included business leadership, innovation, industry/community involvement & safety performance, among others.

Walsh Construction has become a true leader in the promotion and implementation of Building Information Modeling, both in the Midwest and nationwide. Walsh was one of three builders that provided in-depth expertise in drafting the Army Corps BIM requirements for facility management. The contractor also helped write the Associated General Contractor's guide to teach other contractors the benefits of BIM.

Walsh is a leader in safety, and implemented the Review of Employee Actions and Performance (REAP) program, a behavioral-based safety initiative used companywide that identifies at-risk behaviors through an employee-to-fellow-employee observation format. REAP actively involves management in the safety process and helps to reinforce Walsh's philosophy for completing projects where "no one gets hurt."

Walsh Construction is a family-owned, nation general contractor, construction manager and design-builder and offers one of the nation's largest domestic, privately owned, heavy equipment fleets, valued at more than \$400 million. In 2009, Walsh completed more than \$1.3 billion in construction work in the Midwest.

We invite you to read more about Walsh Construction and its accomplishments in *Midwest Construction's* June/July issue, as well as at [www.midwest.construction.com](http://www.midwest.construction.com).

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