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THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THERRIEN WADDELL CONSTRUCTION GROUP

Great Projects, Great Party!

The end of 2008 brought a lot of growth and change to the region. In addition to the nation's new president, Therrien Waddell is proud to have completed two wonderful projects. Singleton Electric (at right, top and bottom) is a 37,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art new office building in the Airpark in Gaithersburg, designed by DVA, LLC. The two-story office and warehouse building includes EIFS, composite metal panels, masonry veneer and a curtain wall glass system. The second-floor office space features custom cherry millwork and carpentry, pocket office doors, a two-story atrium lobby, an elevator, custom lighting and controls, as well as upgraded work areas and conference rooms.



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Celebrating the Season

December's TW Holiday Party (pictured below) brought together many clients, vendors, friends and family. With delicious food, drinks and a festive jazz ensemble to boot, we enjoyed having everyone gathered in our offices for one great evening.



Congratulations to those who won iPods at the Therrien Waddell Holiday Party:

- Amy Carroll, Carroll Communications, LLC
- Michael Hunt, Landscape Enterprise
- Sheila Kaplan, Planit Design Associates
- David Konapelsky, AIA, GTM Architects,
- Richard Stang, CPA, CEA, Deleon and Stang



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Builder in Hell

A builder dies and reports to the pearly gates. St. Peter checks his dossier and says, "You're in the wrong place."

So the builder reports to the gates of hell and is let in. Pretty soon, the builder gets dissatisfied with the level of comfort in hell, and starts making improvements, adding air conditioning, flush toilets and escalators.

One day God calls Satan up on the telephone and says, "How's it going down there?" Satan replies, "Things are going great. We've got air conditioning, flush toilets and escalators. There's no telling what this builder is going to come up with next."

God replies, "What? You've got an builder? That's a mistake! Send him up here." Satan says, "No way. I like having a builder on the staff, and I'm keeping him."

God says, "Send him back up here or I'll sue."

Satan laughs uproariously and answers, "Yeah, right. And just where are YOU going to get a lawyer?"

Is That a Fact?

Studies have shown that green building measures can reduce employee absenteeism and turnover, and that sales of merchandise in a store with skylights improves 40% over similar stores without daylight peeking through. Amazing!

Did you know that green buildings are between 30% and 70% more efficient than standard buildings and provide a 3- to 7-year payback on your initial investment.



LEED ON—The TW Team Earns Accreditation

The world is going green. And we in the construction industry have to be at the forefront of that movement since our work has such a profound impact on our natural environment. In the United States alone, buildings account for 70% of electricity consumption, 40% of raw materials use and 30% of waste output (136 million tons annually). Green building benefits our environment, our economy, as well as our health and our community.

Therrien Waddell (TW) recognizes the importance of green building and its place in the future of its business. In fact, a number of its staff are currently becoming qualified LEED Accredited Professionals under the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). Others have been certified as Commercial Green Advantage Environmental experts. These credentials generally recognize individuals and companies as experts in the field of sustainable design.

Here are some noteworthy facts about the LEED Green Building Certification System:

- Over 3.6 billion square feet of commercial building space is involved with the LEED green building certification system.

- By 2010, approximately 10% of commercial construction starts are expected to be green, according to McGraw Hill Building Smart Market Report.
- Every business day, \$464 million worth of construction registers with LEED.
- There are LEED projects in all 50 states and in 69 countries. “LEED accreditation means we know how to formulate costs and design budgets much earlier to meet the LEED standards,” Jerry Therrien explains about his company’s expertise in green building. “This education has given our staff the knowledge needed to remain in the forefront of the construction industry. We can speak the language now with owners and architects. It’s very helpful.”

Unprecedented levels of government initiatives, a great demand by consumers and a tremendous improvement for sustainable materials have all led to the growth in green building. TW is proud to be gaining expertise and becoming a leader in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

