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Greenberry Industrial Earns Top Award For Port of Everett Concrete Project

PORTLAND, Ore. – Transforming the Port of Everett into a top cement distribution facility in less than a year has earned Greenberry Industrial one of the region’s highest construction honors.

The Northwest Construction Consumer Council (NWCCC) recognized Greenberry Industrial for its work at the Port of Everett with a 2007 Distinguished Project Award at the Council’s Annual Conference on Nov. 1. The venture was honored in the NWCCC’s Private Projects Over \$10 million category.

“The Port of Everett project was a great opportunity for us to show that we can take on high-profile jobs,” said Greenberry Industrial Vice President of Business Development Jim Wright. “It was one of Greenberry’s largest projects in the state of Washington and the most challenging. We are thrilled to win this prestigious award and demonstrate our capabilities to the northwest construction community.”

Unique focus

The Port of Everett project caught the attention of the NWCCC judges because of its unique scope of work and tight construction schedule.

In late 2006, the Port of Everett approved a contract with Lehigh Northwest Cement Co. to use the Port’s existing bulk facility to handle approximately 500,000 tons of cement each year. The change in focus at the Port from handling alumina ore to cement called for major changes to the site’s dome storage structure, including pouring new interior concrete walls, installing pneumatic systems, building a new truck loading facility, rebuilding conveyers, transfer towers and rail car loading systems, plus removing appurtenances from the top of the dome.

Given just eight months to complete the massive undertaking, Greenberry laid out a pre-project strategic plan that helped it meet the August 2007 construction deadline.

“We assembled an experienced management team and fostered teamwork and communication between engineers, construction managers and sub contractors at every turn,” said Wright. “Our



Greenberry Industrial was recognized with a 2007 Northwest Construction Consumer Council (NWCCC) Distinguished Project Award for its work on the Port of Everett, above.

front-end planning prior to construction was a key factor in helping us meet every goal that was presented at the beginning of the project.”

Stressing safety

The NWCCC judges also were impressed with the safety procedures implemented during the project. A small job site of only 44,000 square feet, limited access to the dome facility through just one 14' x 12' door and an eight-month schedule presented several scheduling and safety challenges for Greenberry to overcome during construction.

To keep safety as the top priority on the job site, Greenberry stepped up site awareness training, increased the frequency of safety meetings and offered additional safety incentives to the job crew.

In the end, the company completed the Port of Everett project in 175,000 total hours without a single lost workday due to injury.

“Safety is always our number one priority,” said Wright. “Sometimes people can forget about safety, especially when it comes to tight deadlines. On this project we kept a strong focus on making sure our workers were safe at all times. Without any lost injury days, the effort paid off.”

According to NWCCC Executive Director Greg Toy, the Port of Everett project hit on all cylinders when it came to the judging criteria of safety, budget, schedule and challenges.

“First and foremost a project has to have an excellent safety record and this one certainly did,” said Toy. “Greenberry excelled in every aspect of its work. It exhibited good planning, excellent execution and great results.”

About Greenberry Industrial

Greenberry Industrial is a full service industrial general contractor serving clients in the Pacific Northwest. The company manages and provides all structural, civil and mechanical disciplines in industrial construction including boiler making, civil and concrete, heavy rigging, millwright and equipment setting, pipe spooling and steel erection. Greenberry has offices on Kruse Way in Portland and in Corvallis, Ore. More information on the company can be found at www.greenberry.com.

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