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Bergstrom Electric Receives National Excellence in Construction Award From Associated Builders and Contractors

Grand Forks, ND —Bergstrom Electric, Inc.'s work on the Four Winds Alternative & CTE High School project in Fort Totten, North Dakota, has earned a National Excellence in Construction® Eagle Award from Associated Builders and Contractors in the Electrical Contracting: \$0 to \$500,000 category.

Darin Hall, Devils Lake Branch Manager, and Steve Wasvick, Grand Forks Branch Manager for Bergstrom Electric received the top honor March 27 during ABC's 29th annual Excellence in Construction® Awards gala at ABC Convention 2019 in Long Beach, California. The project had previously won a top award at the ABC Minnesota/North Dakota regional Excellence in Construction banquet as well as a National Award of Excellence in Electrical Construction from the Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC).

"We were pleased to be a part of such an innovative project," stated Cliff Moen, President of Bergstrom Electric. "And we were especially proud that our work on this unique school was recognized nationally by our peers."

The \$3.5 million Four Winds School & Career Technology Education (CTE) facility is the first net zero school constructed on tribal land in the United States, and the first net zero school ever in North Dakota. A "Net Zero" school is an energy efficient building that produces as much energy as it consumes every year. The unused power is sold back to the power supplier. Some of the features that contribute to its Net Zero status include 264 photovoltaic (solar) panels, a ground-source geothermal heating/cooling system, and solar tubes for free lighting.

"We are proud to honor Bergstrom Electric with a National Excellence in Construction® Eagle Award," said 2019 ABC National Chair Tony Rader, telecom vice president of National Roofing Partners, Coppell, Texas. "The Four Winds Alternative & CTE School project shows not only the exceptional talent in our industry, but the overall commitment to building safely, on time and on budget. Bergstrom Electric's breadth of skills and craftsmanship greatly benefits the merit shop construction industry."

The Excellence in Construction awards program is the industry's leading competition that honors both general and specialty contractors for innovative and high-quality merit shop construction projects. The award honors all construction team members, including the contractor, owner,

architect and engineer. The winning projects, selected from entries submitted from across the nation, were judged on complexity, attractiveness, unique challenges, completion time, workmanship, innovation, safety and cost.

A panel of industry experts served as the competition's judges. This year's panel included representatives from the Building Owners and Managers Association International, the Smithsonian Facilities Construction Division, the Construction Management Association of America, *Engineering News-Record*, Design-Build Institute of America and various construction-related firms nationwide.

A [full list of EIC winners](#) is available on ABC's website.

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Bergstrom Electric, Inc. is an electrical construction firm with offices in Grand Forks, Fargo, Bismarck, and Devils Lake, North Dakota, and Crookston and Thief River Falls, Minnesota. This is the second National Eagle Award the company has won for its work in the region.



Tony Rader, 2019 Associated Builders and Contractors National Chair, awards the National Eagle Award to Darin Hall (Devils Lake Branch Manager) and Steve Wasvick (Grand Forks Branch Manager) of Bergstrom Electric, Inc. on March 27th at ABC's 29th annual Excellence in Construction Awards Gala in Long Beach, California.



Dave Lawson, Design/Build and Safety Director at Bergstrom Electric and Alicia Warner, Project Foreman on the Four Winds project for Bergstrom, accept the Regional Eagle Award for the Four Winds Alternative & CTE High School Project at the MN/ND Associated Builders and Contractors 2018 Excellence in Construction banquet in January of 2019.