

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Bergstrom Electric, Inc. Receives Regional and National Awards for Excellence in Construction on Barnes County North School Project**

Grand Forks, ND – Bergstrom Electric, Inc. received a national Eagle Award from Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. (ABC) for its work on the Barnes County North School in the category of Electrical Commercial Projects between \$1-\$5 Million. Bergstrom officials accepted the award on March 5<sup>th</sup> at the 2014 ABC Awards of Excellence In Construction Banquet in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Bergstrom had previously received an Eagle Award for the project from the Minnesota/North Dakota Chapter of ABC, which qualified it for the national competition.

ABC's awards program is designed to recognize publicly the quality and innovation of merit shop construction and to honor all the members of the construction team, including the contractor, the owner and the design team responsible for the project. The winning projects were selected from entries submitted from across the nation and were judged on complexity, attractiveness, unusual challenges, completion time, workmanship, innovation, safety and budget.

Bergstrom Electric, Inc. was the electrical contractor chosen to help build the \$14.5 million Barnes County North School in Leal, ND. The project brought three existing schools under one roof in a new 85,000 square foot facility designed to handle up to 500 students from a large, primarily rural, geographic area.

The project location was a considerable challenge and Bergstrom crews had to drive 90 miles to the site every workday from their Fargo office and warehouse. The winter season was unusually harsh, with cold temperatures and high winds, which tore down the temporary shelters so there were snowdrifts inside the building during rough-in. Bergstrom Electric, Inc. earned praise from other contractors as well as school district officials for the way its crew overcame these challenges as well as their ability to work with other members of the project team.

“We have nothing but praise for Bergstrom Electric,” wrote Mark Lindahl, Barnes County North School Superintendent, in his endorsement. “Very easy to work with and excellent service. One of the best contractors on this building project.”

Bergstrom President Cliff Moen and Project Manager Steve Mundahl accepted the national award at the March 5<sup>th</sup> banquet. Accepting the regional award in January on behalf of Bergstrom Electric was the Project Foreman Curtish Kalash and Bergstrom's Safety Director Dave Lawson. Lawson also accepted a Silver Level STEP Award “Safety Training & Evaluation Process” for the company's achievements and ongoing efforts in the development of a quality safety program. Bergstrom Electric has been recognized as a leader in safety by their industry every year for more than 20 years.

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*Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) is a national construction industry trade association representing nearly 21,000 chapter members.*

*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.*

*Caption for attached photo: Bergstrom Electric President Cliff Moen (center) and General Manager/Vice-President Steve Mundahl (right) accept the National Eagle Award from 2015 ABC National Chairman Pamela Volm at the 25th annual Excellence in Construction awards celebration on March 5th.*

