



(L to R) Front row: Cindy Leppert, Marty McGehee, Mike Epley, Cody Ritter, Bob Yocum, Brenda Treece, Carol Miller, Mary Beeson, Dan Werner, Heath Dawson. Second row: Ramsay Manning, Scott Coffman, Rebecca Adair, Chuck Applegate, Jerry Hackleman, Dan Stoll. Back Row: Randy Ganz, Gary Doke, Gene Adams, and Michael McNamer

## DeWitt Delivers on Promises of Quality, Integrity, & Performance

DeWitt & Associates Inc.'s signs are familiar on construction sites. They dot the Springfield landscape that the construction management/general contracting company helped shape. Initially founded as DeWitt-Newton in 1959, the company reorganized in 1973 to meet changing labor needs and to provide professional management services for the construction user.

DeWitt brings an experienced staff working as both a professional construction manager and a general contractor actively engaged in the competitive bid market.

"A key strength of DeWitt is the depth of its management staff. Our people are committed and knowledgeable with the experience and ability to administer and review all phases of the construction process—planning, scheduling, estimating, bidding, purchasing, project management, and accounting," Jerry Hackleman, president and chief estimator, says. "We've grown continuously by delivering well-managed, economical construction, quality workmanship, on time completion, and satisfied customers."

The principals, using their varied backgrounds, continue to be directly involved in all projects and stress attention to detail, quality construction, safety, and scheduled completion. DeWitt has completed construction on average of over \$62 million per year over the past 5 years. Major projects include the St. John's Surgery Center, Gilloz Theatre, First

Card Operations Facility, Nixa High School, County Government Centers for Laclede and Camden Counties, and three major additions at Freeman West Health Center in Joplin.

Having upgraded and expanded healthcare, educational, and governmental facilities, DeWitt employees take satisfaction in seeing the benefits that their projects provide to the community.

DeWitt is the largest general contractor in Springfield that self-performs work such as concrete and carpentry. The 10 project managers and 16 superintendents work throughout southwest Missouri—up to 125 miles from Springfield. The majority of DeWitt's project superintendents have worked for the company in excess of 10 years, insuring that their performance is consistent with DeWitt's management philosophy and commitment to quality. The staff has expanded to handle larger projects and to incorporate more information technology for estimates, accounting, and project management. DeWitt's contributions and quality have been honored with the AIA's "Superintendent of the Year" Award for 1996, 1997, 2005, 2006 and 2007. While the accolades and acclaim are appreciated, Hackleman says that client satisfaction is the company's primary measure of success.

"We will continue to provide excellent service to present and future clients in a growing region and provide our clients with service based on quality, integrity, and performance," Hackleman says.

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Number of Employees: 30 management staff

Top Executive: Jerry Hackleman, president and chief estimator

Product or service: General contractor and construction manager on commercial, industrial, and institutional projects

Year founded: 1959

