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KEVCON, INC. WINS BIG IN WASHINGTON

Firm takes home Construction Excellence Award for VA medical center outpatient clinic

Escondido, Calif., May 28, 2012 – Kevcon, Inc., a firm that specializes in providing general contracting and construction management services for federal, state and city government projects, received a 2012 Build Washington Award for the best Public Building Under \$10 Million from the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Washington. The prestigious award honored the firm’s impressive work on the construction of a \$5.9 million, 20,000-square foot outpatient clinic at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center in Vancouver, Washington. The sleek two-story facility, which features a prosthetics lab, an eye clinic, and a dental clinic, posed a number of scheduling and logistical challenges for the Kevcon team, which still was able to deliver a superlative finished product six months ahead of schedule—one of the key reasons the project was named one of the state’s most successful construction projects by AGC of Washington.

“We definitely had to apply the ‘Improvise, Adapt and Overcome’ approach to this difficult project,” explains Kev Kutina, owner and president of Kevcon, Inc. “Of course, with our men and women coming home from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, Kevcon feels privileged to work hand in hand with the Department of Veterans Affairs to build these crucial buildings to facilitate the needed care for our returning vets.”

After an initial application process, in which Kevcon detailed its exhaustive efforts to complete the project on an accelerated timeline while facing dry supply line issues and one of the rainiest winters in the Pacific Northwest, project superintendent Dave Scott and project manager Bruce Chan traveled to AGC of Washington’s headquarters in Seattle for an in-person presentation. They answered questions regarding the company’s building and safety practices, including the team’s ability to adjust plans on a daily basis to ensure that work continued regardless of the weather, and its decision to maximize the use of its scheduling software throughout the project, for an AGC panel that included Sean Comfort of AHBL, Jerry Lenzi of the Washington State Department of Transportation, Ted Ritter of Ritter Project Management, Eric Smith of the University of Washington and Olivia Yang of Washington State University. Soon after the presentation, Kevcon received notice that it had been chosen to receive the AGC Build Washington Award.

“It was a real honor to participate in the competition for this award,” says Scott, who, along with Bruce Chan, Paul Hosey of PKA Architects and the VA’s Ed Boogaerts, attended the AGC

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Build Washington Awards ceremony held at the Seattle Sheraton on Tuesday, May 22. The event, which was emceed by KIRO radio's Dave Ross and welcomed more than 300 guests for cocktails, dinner and the highly anticipated awards ceremony, honored an array of companies with both construction and safety awards. Kevcon was presented with an attractive stone plaque during the awards portion of the evening, and it will proudly be displayed at the company's headquarters in Escondido, California.

The annual Build Washington Awards program, which recognizes the professional excellence and community commitment of AGC member firms, brought out some of the Pacific Northwest's most respected construction management and general contracting companies—a group that now includes the name Kevcon, Inc. “It was really something to see Kevcon up there with the likes of Turner Construction Co., Kiewit-General Joint Venture and Mowat Construction Co.,” concludes Chan, who looks forward to participating in similar events in the future as Kevcon expands its presence in the region.

About Kevcon, Inc.

Founded in 1988, Kevcon, Inc. is a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business that offers construction and engineering, construction management, design-build services and more for a wide array of federal, state and city government projects, including veterans' medical facilities, national veterans' cemeteries, community parks and education buildings. As a veteran-owned, controlled and operated company, the firm is dedicated to employing qualified veterans who possess the applicable education, experience and skill to support Kevcon's core competency. The recipient of the 2011 San Diego District Veteran-Owned Small Business of the Year Award from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), Kevcon is recognized in the industry for its exemplary work, high ethical and safety standards and outstanding customer service. For more information, call (760) 432-0307 or visit www.kevcon.us.

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