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## **a.j. Veneklasen, Inc. Receives National Award**

Grand Rapids, Michigan, August 7, 2006 – a.j. Veneklasen, Inc. of 5000 Kendrick St SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan has been honored by Varco-Pruden Buildings, one of the nation's largest manufacturers of metal buildings.

a.j. Veneklasen, Inc. has been named to VP Buildings' 2006 Hall of Fame for the 60,000 square foot **Grand Northern Products** facility in Byron Center, Michigan, which was completed in 2005.

A smokey blue wall of glass provides a pleasing approach to the Grand Northern Products facility located at 9000 Commerce Drive in Byron Center, Michigan. Flanked by Regal Blue composite panels, the 15' high curtain wall and even higher ceilings help create an inviting and impressive space for guests and staff members. Blue window banding provides abundant natural light for the offices and conference areas.

A block masonry-bearing wall separates the open-atrium office areas from the private offices and the mezzanine level. The manufacturing, distribution and warehouse spaces are individually climate controlled, allowing them to perform as separate entities.

Grand Northern Products, Inc. specializes in the surface enhancement of metal products for the orthopedic, automotive, and aerospace industries.

The Hall of Fame Awards are presented each year to Authorized VP Builders for outstanding integration of building systems, products, and design.

The Hall of Fame Awards include entries in agriculture, auto dealerships, churches, fast track, government buildings, aircraft hangars, manufacturing facilities, offices, recreational facilities, retail buildings, retrofit roofing, schools, warehouses, and miscellaneous.

More than 1,000 authorized builders are eligible to enter categories in the Hall of Fame competition. This year 104 projects received Hall of Fame status.

“The Hall of Fame is proof positive that our builders continue to challenge the boundaries by seeking new and innovative ways to prove that pre-engineered buildings are the system of choice,” said Chuck Haslebacher, chief operating officer of VP Buildings.

Chris Veneklasen, president of a.j. Veneklasen, Inc., said, “We have been extremely pleased with the quality of products, service and support that we have received from the staff at VP Buildings over the 16 years we have been associated. We are looking forward to a long-lasting relationship.”

a.j. Veneklasen, Inc., founded in 1975 by Alan J. Veneklasen, offers a comprehensive package of services including general contracting, design-build construction and construction management services. AJV has completed projects for Fortune 500 companies as well as medium-sized and small businesses throughout the Greater West Michigan region—from Drummond Island to South Bend, Indiana.

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