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a.j. Veneklasen, Inc. Receives ABC West Michigan Award

Grand Rapids, Michigan, November 6, 2006 – Associated Builders and Contractors Western Michigan Chapter honored a.j. Veneklasen, Inc. at the 2006 Construction Awards Program on October 25, 2006.

a.j. Veneklasen, Inc. was awarded the top prize in the Renovation \$1--\$2 Million category for the Genesis United Methodist Church in Cascade Township. The site was home to a former Lacks Industries manufacturing facility. The existing 135,000 square foot building was split into three parts, with breezeways between them—allowing more windows and improving the natural light.

Genesis United Methodist Church needed approximately 21,000 square feet and were open minded about occupying adjoining space in a technology park. With design help from A.J. Veneklasen, Inc., they chose a contemporary style that complemented the industrial surroundings.

The church features a 5,700 sf sanctuary, which seats 400+ parishioners. The infant nursery, toddler room, and first through third grade classrooms are located on the main floor. The 6,500 sf mezzanine holds seven classrooms for students in 4th grade through high school.

A full kitchen with pass through and large conference areas add functionality to the facility. A coffee bar in the narthex provides a gathering, social area after services.

The purpose of the awards is to recognize outstanding projects completed by members of the Western Michigan Chapter of ABC, with the hope that such recognition will bring about a greater awareness of the quality of work produced by member firms and their employees.

Chuck Haslebacher, chief operating officer of VP Buildings, said, "VP gained recognition many years ago with the 'Custom Concept.' 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."

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 15 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 design-build construction, general contracting and construction management services. AJV has completed projects for Fortune 500 companies as well as medium-sized and small businesses throughout the Midwest.

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