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SpawGlass completes Austin's first Patagonia store

Austin, Texas – SpawGlass recently completed the first Patagonia retail store in Austin (and Texas) on schedule for the store's grand opening celebration slated for Saturday, November 15. The project involved 6,700 square feet of tenant finish-out for the retailer, which provides high-quality clothing and gear for outdoor enthusiasts. The store is located at 316 Congress Avenue, so construction activities were carefully planned to minimize the impact on downtown pedestrians and traffic.

SpawGlass and Patagonia share a commitment to environmental responsibility so the project involved "green building" practices, including the use of recycled and renewable materials and procedures to enhance sustainability. All wood was made of 100 percent recycled fiber, the drywall was formed from recycled gypsum content, most of the flooring is stained concrete, and existing windows and doors were restored and reused in the 100-year-old limestone building. Indoor air quality is enhanced with the use of formaldehyde-free millwork and insulation and low VOC finishes and paints. Lighting fixtures feature energy-reducing strategies. Approximately 85 percent of the construction waste was recycled. The project is being considered for a three-star Austin Energy Green Building Rating, indicating Patagonia and SpawGlass went beyond the city's one-star green building requirements for downtown projects.

"We are pleased to welcome Patagonia to Austin and proud of our team's success in getting their store open on time," stated Patrick Williams, SpawGlass vice president/Austin regional manager. "Together we built a beautiful and environmentally-friendly retail facility that will enhance the downtown community."

SpawGlass, a Texas-based general contractor, construction manager and design/builder, was founded in 1953 by Louis Spaw and Frank Glass with a commitment to client satisfaction and service. Today the company has more than 500 employees statewide and is 100 percent employee owned, with ownership available to all employees. Operating in the Austin area since 1978, SpawGlass has regional offices in Austin, San Antonio, Houston and Harlingen.

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