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**SpawGlass earns two National Excellence in Construction Awards,
National Safety Merit Award from Associated Builders and Contractors**

San Antonio, TX – Commercial contractor SpawGlass earned two National Excellence in Construction (EIC) Awards and a National Safety Merit Award (NSMA) from Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC). Awards were presented on February 4 during the ABC national convention in San Diego, CA at the 20th Annual EIC Awards event, which honors the nation’s highest quality construction projects and safety programs and those who demonstrate leadership, innovation and safety in the construction industry.

EIC Awards specifically recognize outstanding quality and innovation in merit shop construction projects and honor all members of the team including the contractor, owner, architect and engineer.

SpawGlass, along with owner Texas A&M University and architect O’Connell Robertson, earned first place recognition with a National Eagle Award for Excellence in Construction for their work on the Texas A&M University McFerrin Athletic Center project in College Station, TX, in the category of Other Construction. The approximately 190,000-sf project features ingenious design and construction techniques as well as a number of technological advancements that are new to the NCAA scene. The unique center includes two immediately adjacent, fabric-tensioned athletic facilities including the 115,000-sf Frosty Gilliam Indoor Track Stadium and a 75,000-sf indoor football practice facility. The track is the first venue to feature the indoor application of Mondotrack SX - the latest rubber track formulation from Mondo that was launched for the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, and is one of only a few facilities in the world to utilize a hydraulically banked running track.

“The McFerrin Athletic Center was a unique and highly specialized landmark project,” said Michael Emmons, SpawGlass president, Houston region. “The project presented many unusual challenges to the team including multiple construction packages, uncommon types of construction materials, coordination with out-of-state and international specialty contractors, project engineering and overall site space constraints. None-the-less, with careful planning, the team was able to complete the track stadium prior to the first track meet in January 2009, and the football practice facility was delivered 3 months ahead of schedule in time for the team to prepare for their bowl game,” explained Emmons.

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Furthermore, SpawGlass used the firm's participation as an opportunity to give back to the university community. "The majority of the key, project staff was Texas A&M alumni, and we employed some A&M students to support the project while providing them with hands-on training," said Emmons. "In fact, we hired some of the students upon graduation, and they're now full-time members of the SpawGlass team."

Additionally, SpawGlass, along with owner McKenna Systems c/o MMS Advisory Group, LLC and design team Graeber, Simmons & Cowan, Inc., earned second place recognition with a National Pyramid Award for Excellence in Construction for their work on the McKenna Village at Sundance, Continuing Healthcare Facility project in New Braunfels, TX, in the category of Healthcare, \$10 to \$25 million. Situated on 10 acres, the 186,000-sf facility includes a three-story building with 71 independent living units and a one-story building with 45 assisted living and 14 memory care units. SpawGlass began the preconstruction phase of McKenna Village after two previous contractors were unable to keep the project within budget. With the project schedule already in place and facing limited time for re-design, SpawGlass conducted a series of value engineering exercises and suggested alternative options that ultimately resulted in a reduced budget while incorporating sustainable practices into the project.

"We were determined to reduce costs to help McKenna achieve their vision of delivering health and well-being to their clients," said Pat Williams, SpawGlass president, Austin Region. "We're pleased that we were able to introduce cost saving measures and still utilize practices and materials that would contribute to the community's longevity."

Moreover, SpawGlass was one of only 23 ABC contractor members whose exceptional company-wide safety records, training and education programs were recognized with a National Safety Merit Award. The NSMA competition was open to Safety Training and Evaluation Process (STEP) Platinum recipients only.

"SpawGlass has a proven history of jobsite safety, and we recognize that our employees are our greatest asset," said Angela Perfetti, SpawGlass corporate risk manager. "We perform site specific safety analyses, conduct appropriate training and inspections and reward our employees for safe performance. We're pleased to earn this recognition and remain steadfast in our commitment to safety."

SpawGlass is a Texas-based general contractor, construction manager, design/builder and civil contractor - with expertise in green building and Building Information Modeling (BIM), serving clients in corporate, higher education, healthcare, government/public, senior/campus living and more. Founded in 1953 by Louis Spaw and Frank Glass, the company has a lasting commitment to provide: the highest standards of quality and service to clients; a safe and enriching work environment to employees; and support and involvement in the community. With more than 550 employees statewide, SpawGlass is 100 percent employee owned and has regional offices in Austin, Houston, San Antonio and South Texas.

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