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### **SpawGlass recognized as a WasteSMART business by City of Austin**

Austin, Texas – SpawGlass is the first commercial contractor – and the only contractor to date to be classified by the City of Austin as a WasteSMART business based on the company’s efforts to reduce waste, recycle and utilize recycled products.

“SpawGlass is dedicated to minimizing environmental impact on every project we build and as we conduct our day-to-day operations,” says SpawGlass President, Austin Region Pat Williams. “We’re committed to being a sustainable company, and we’re proud to be recognized by the City of Austin.”

Through the WasteSMART program, the City of Austin Solid Waste Services Department recognizes local businesses that are reducing waste, recycling and buying recycled products. SpawGlass demonstrated their commitment to eco-friendly practices by incorporating sustainable programs in their operations and jobsites. SpawGlass recycles office and jobsite waste and diverts construction debris to offsite sorting areas to abate landfill usage. They compost at their office and use recycled and reused office supplies, Energy Star office equipment, atmospheric water dispensers instead of bottled water, and motion sensors for office water faucets. Additionally, SpawGlass has moved to paperless communication including scanned documents, digital file sharing and email contact instead of printed and mailed hard copies. The company offers incentives for carpooling, biking and using public transportation and provides a prime employee parking spot for alternative fuel vehicles. And, while the contractor’s Houston office is the city’s first LEED silver certified building, SpawGlass also assists employees in achieving LEED AP certification and participates in green building projects.

SpawGlass has been recognized for green building by numerous publications, including McGraw-Hill Construction Top 25 Green Contractors in Texas, Austin Business Journal Going Green Award nomination in 2010 and 2011, and San Antonio Business Journal 2009 Going Green Award.

“By taking steps to reduce, reuse, and recycle, area businesses like SpawGlass are making a positive difference in the community by preserving landfill space and natural resources for future generations,” said Bob Gedert, City of Austin Solid Waste Services Director. “We commend SpawGlass for their implementation of a robust resource recovery and recycling program and recognize them as a Solid Waste Services’ WasteSMART partner.”

SpawGlass is a Texas-based general contractor, construction manager, design/builder and civil contractor – with expertise in Building Information Modeling (BIM) and green building, 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.

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