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Absher Commits to Sustainable Construction Leadership

September 19, 2022—Absher recently joined 20 general contractors in the United States in signing the “Contractor’s Commitment to Sustainable Building Practices,” created by BuildingGreen’s Sustainable Construction Leadership (<https://www.buildinggreen.com/contractors-commitment>). The Contractor’s Commitment provides a sustainability framework with benchmarks specific to the construction industry, providing uniformity in reporting performance in five areas—Carbon Reduction, Jobsite Wellness, Waste Management, Water Management and Materials—across 30% of a general contractor’s projects, by dollar volume. In signing the commitment, Absher will:

- Measure and benchmark greenhouse gas emissions at their corporate offices and project sites.
- Work closely with their small-, minority-owned, women-owned, veteran-owned, and disadvantaged business project partners to support their own sustainability journey and reduction of their carbon footprint.
- Support preconstruction methods that reduce embodied carbon and use of healthier materials as well as methods that reduce waste generation, such as deconstruction and material reuse.
- Implement decarbonization strategies through new business practices, including efficiency improvements, innovative commute trip reduction, fleet and equipment electrification, procurement processes and other carbon-emission elimination strategies.

In 2022, Absher began to track their corporate emission impacts and became recognized as an EnviroStars Green Business. In 2023, the firm will begin tracking Scope 3 emissions and continuing improvements to their sustainability roadmap, utilizing the guidance of the Contractors Commitment.

In the last 5 years, more than 50% of Absher’s projects featured green building systems and certifications. Executing construction in a sustainable manner that reduces the project’s carbon footprint, diverts waste from landfills and supports healthy building environments is a critical component of these initiatives.

“Building with sustainability in mind is important for the health and longevity of the communities we serve. Signing the Contractor’s Commitment to Sustainable Building Practices is one of the ways in which we continue to strive toward greener practices and policies,” stated Jeff Richards, President. Absher, an employee-owned business, creates and builds community through teamwork, leadership, and experience.

Absher Construction Company, a 100% employee-owned company, is a diverse construction organization, providing a complete range of preconstruction and construction services to private and public clients. Its primary markets include education, recreation, transportation, federal, and multi-family housing. With offices in Puyallup and Bellevue, Absher serves clients throughout Washington State, as well as nationwide. For more information, please contact Jeff Richards at 253.845.9544 or visit www.AbsherCo.com.

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