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Change. The world as we know it is changing, and rapidly. Lightning fast technological advances, together with recent economic losses, are forcing construction projects to seek increased efficiency in use of both time and money.

From coast to coast, **Integrated Project Delivery**, a collaborative approach to construction, is blazing the trail for increased efficiency in the 21st Century building trade sector .

"IPD promotes designing to a detailed estimate, rather than estimating a detailed design"

—American Institute of Architects

top row :

Rodney Longenecker, Vickie

Sprague, Mike Freitas, Richard Nepote, Arlene Dedrickson, Clint Walton



bottom row :

Dave Smith,

Dick Smith,

Bob Smith;

Not pictured:

Linda Lett,

Gary

Campbell

RE Smith Construction Company Leadership Team

Recent studies document inefficiency and waste in the construction industry because of the fragmented approach of traditional Design - Bid - Build methods of construction, which treat each player as isolated and independent of the others. By contrast, studies in construction across the board demonstrate **a cost reduction of at least 30%** is achievable when players are involved together as an integrated team from the beginning.

"When trouble arises, IPD promotes 'Huddling' as a team to solve the problem, rather than 'Hunkering' down in self-defense. IPD's success has been proven on both coasts."

—Dave Smith, vice president of RE Smith Construction Company

The project team is the lifeblood of IPD. The "team" is formed of all key players: owners, the architect and general contractor, and is formed as closely as possible to the project's inception. Architectural construction design makes use of the expertise of the contractor and the specific budget of the owner from the beginning of the project, according to Dave Smith, vice president of RE Smith Construction. "The results are very satisfying," Smith said.

Billings School: Best Christmas Ever...

Creative Use of Existing Space Expands Community Resources

Southwest Missouri Ingenuity Grants Billings School Board their Wish List.....

When the vote for the 2007 Billings School Bond Issue was tallied, Cynthia Brandt, superintendent, and the Billings School Board breathed a sigh of relief: 72% of the voters said "Yes" to the \$3.5 million bond.

"We knew then that we had the support of the community," Brandt said.

To stay on budget, the R-IV School District used renovations and strategic new additions to the existing buildings, rather than build an entirely new school.

"It was a challenge, but the results are just perfect," Brandt said.

Mike Freitas was Manager and Curtis Rice was Superintendent for the project. Renovations included several gym improvements, a new lobby, administrative offices, an expanded library, middle school science rooms, art rooms with sinks and custom storage, elementary offices, expanded guidance counseling areas, storage & restrooms.

New additions included the kitchen and cafeteria, seven high school classrooms, a computer lab, pre-school and kindergarten rooms, and more. The project was completed in November/December 2008.

"The RE Smith crew became just like a part of our school family. We will miss them now that the project is complete," Brandt said.



Old Meets New: Original 1912 cornerstone seems to point to the new entrance sign at Billings School



New Library to have expanded access: Circulation desk overlooks handicap access and computer desk area. The new library will house an expanded collection of books open to the community as well as the school.



From top: a) new lobby & superintendent's office
b) Art rooms receive much needed storage
c) Expanded cafeteria enables efficient lunch hours and better class scheduling
d) Pre-school, kindergarten wing provides light, clean space for the youngest students



Billings Farmer's Exchange Underwrote the cost of the mural.

Billings Alumni Olympic Artist Paints Mascot Mural in Refurbished Gym

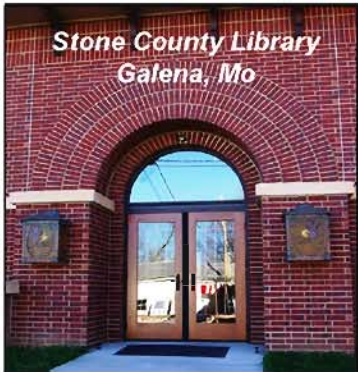
Susan Sommer-Luarca, a 1985 Billings alumni and 2007 official artist for the Beijing Olympics, returned to her alma mater to paint a "Mascot Mural" for the re-furbished gymnasium. Sommer-Luarca, known for her two dimensional horse and wildlife murals, has been chosen as an official artist for both national and international events, including the Breeder's Cup, the Triple Crown, and the Beijing Olympics. Her work has been featured on Fox news, NBC, the Today Show, and other national media.



New stadium seating gives the gym a cost efficient facelift.

Construction Updates:

Stone County Library, MSSU Beimdiek Student Center, CMC Dorm, South Middle School, Messiah Lutheran Church & Killian Softball Field



**Stone County Library
Galena, Mo**

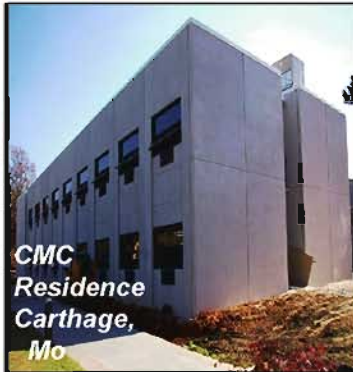
Serving all of Stone County
Square feet: 9,750
Completed: February 2008
Project Superintendent:
Curtis Rice
Project Manager:
Mike Freitas
David Doenig, President,
Stone County Library

Project Cost: \$1.5 million



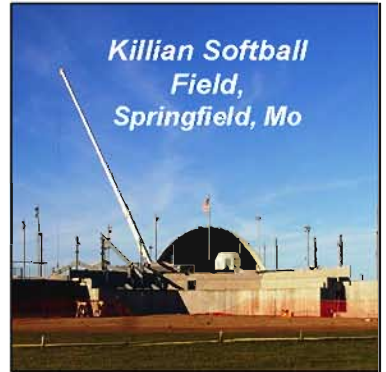
**MSSU Beimdiek Center
Joplin, Mo**

20,000 square feet of freshly poured concrete in the gymnasium was smoothed with a laser screed in order to insure a completely flat gym subfloor on Tuesday, December 2. Also in December, enclosing exterior walls, backfill, parking lot layout. Project Manager, Rodney Longenecker; Project Superintendent, Steve Gielt.
Project Cost: \$12 million



**CMC
Residence
Carthage,
Mo**

Transformers were installed to provide heat for finish interior work. The storm drain is complete, exterior windows are in place, & the rest of the building will be enclosed in December. Project Manager, Richard Nepote; Project Superintendent, Mike Kavanaugh
Project Cost: \$3.5 million



**Killian Softball
Field,
Springfield, Mo**

With a national softball tournament slated to play here the first of March, RE Smith crews have a target date of February 21, 2009 for completion. Steel framing was installed in December; bleacher delivery is expected by January 5. Project manager, Mike Freitas; Project Superintendent, Danny Barnes
Project Cost: \$2.75 million

New Projects: Begun in Nov/Dec

**Dr. Kivett & Renger Dental
Office, Joplin, Mo.**
New Office Facility,
Project Manager: Rodney Longenecker; Superintendent
Larry Booth

**Ozark Technical Center
Ozark, Mo.**
FEMA Storm Shelter,
Project Manager:
Mike Freitas;
Superintendent: John Carr

**Sarcxie School,
Sarcxie, Mo.**
Classroom Addition,
Project Manager: Clint Walton;
Superintendent: Dusty Smith

Umicore Irus, Miami, Okla.
Addition & Alterations,
Project Manager: Dave Smith
Superintendent:
Tom Jones

Messiah Lutheran

Framing is ongoing, with the installation of exposed glue laminated beams for the new sanctuary completed. Re-roofing has begun, and new roofing is projected to be completed in December. The 11,500 square foot addition is scheduled for completion in April 2009. Mike Freitas is Project Manager, and Curtis Rice is Superintendent.
Project Cost: \$2.2 million

South Middle School

Two major deck pours totaling nearly 30,000 square feet of slab were completed in November, allowing masonry to progress on the 140,000 square foot middle school campus. Trusses and metal roofing for the gym are being delivered in December, and new bus drives were cut according to revised elevations. Project Manager is Richard Nepote, and Greg Keller is Superintendent.
Project Cost: \$18 million



**Messiah Lutheran Church, Springfield, MO
12/02/2008**



aerial photo courtesy of Joplin Schools

**South Middle School, Joplin, MO
11/30/2008**

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Historic Renovation by
RE Smith Construction Co.

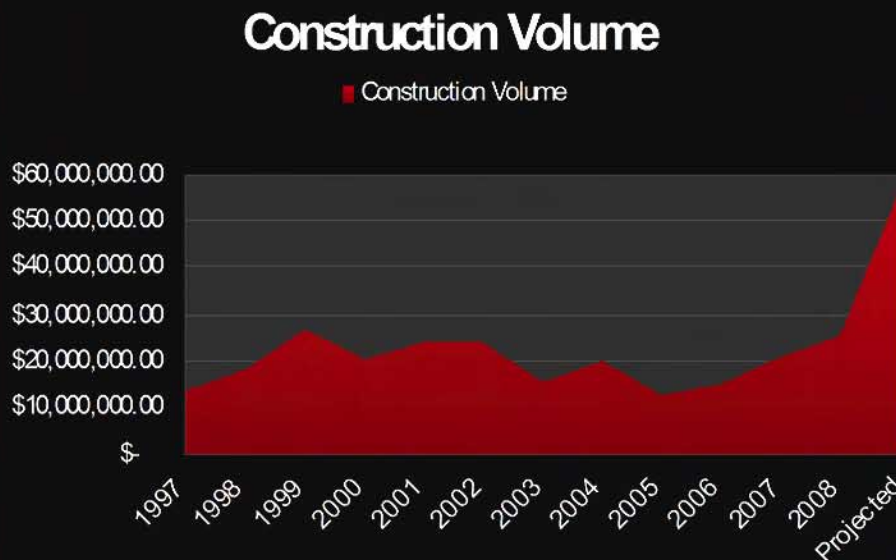
Change. Construction systems are **changing** rapidly.
Which changes can you trust?

Design/Build ** Construction Management ** General Contracting

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2008: Construction Volume Highest in Company History

RE Smith Construction Company 2008 Contracts reach \$56 million



Construction Volume reached a historical high for RE Smith Construction Company, Inc. in 2008, according to Dick Smith, president.

Contracts include schools, parks & recreation, churches, and private medical facilities.

"We are encouraged and grateful to have work lined up through the fourth quarter of 2009," Smith said. "This is a tough economy and we do not take these contracts for granted."

RE Smith Construction Company was founded by R.E. Smith in 1952 & was incorporated in 1962. Today, Dick Smith, Dave Smith, and Rodney Longenecker serve as company principals.