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Eight employees of Horst Construction receive designation as Green Advantage® Certified Practitioners

National “green building” program aims to maximize energy efficiency, reduce environmental impact and improve occupant health

LANCASTER, Pa. — Eight employees of Horst Construction have recently earned certification from Green Advantage®, the nationwide green-building environmental certification program for building contractors.

Green Advantage Certified Practitioners have demonstrated their knowledge of green design and construction concepts, materials and practices, including the building of structures that are:

- Energy and water efficient
- Insect and disaster resistant
- Healthier for the well-being of its occupants
- Environmentally friendly

Earning Green Advantage certification are:

- **Scott Burkholder, project manager:** Scott manages construction/excavation projects in residential developments, commercial properties, educational institutions, non-profit organizations and wind farms. He also recently earned certification as a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Accredited Professional.
- **Shane Tawney, project superintendent:** A graduate of York County Vo-Tech, Shane has extensive experience in the commercial construction industry as a carpenter. He is also certified in Confined Space construction.

- **Fred Geesey, project superintendent:** Fred has been with Horst for 30 years and currently supervises daily jobsite activities, including scheduling and reviewing contractors and maintaining quality control. He was previously a job foreman.
- **William Bendokas, project superintendent:** Bill is an experienced journeyman carpenter who earned a bachelor's degree from the Pennsylvania State University and completed Carpentry Apprenticeship Training. He holds certifications in 40-hour OSHA Construction Standards and hazardous waste operations and emergency response training (HAZWOPER).
- **Bill O'Neill, project superintendent:** A graduate of Millersville University, Bill is also involved with the ABC Apprenticeship Program. In addition to being Green Advantage Certified, he has his 10- and 30-hour OSHA training certificates.
- **Bill Wos, estimator:** Before joining Horst in 2000, Bill owned and operated a small residential construction company and later served in estimating and project-management capacities in the walls and ceiling industry. Bill is certified with the American Society of Professional Estimators and served as past president of Local Chapter 76.
- **Serge Kuschick, project manager, Horst Painting:** Serge earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania with a major in Marine Biology and a minor in Business. He has worked in the painting industry in sales and management positions for over 20 years for both ICI Paints and Sherwin Williams Paints.
- **Ralph Carruthers, project manager:** A graduate of Millersville University, Ralph has been in the construction/excavation industry for 24 years, managing large site projects up to 100-acre warehouse facilities, manufacturing plants, sewer processing facilities, industrial parks and PennDot projects.

Established with grant funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency and The Nature Conservancy, Green Advantage was developed in collaboration with Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) and the University of Florida.

Horst Construction is also a member of the U.S. Green Building Council and the Green Building Association of Central Pennsylvania. For more information, contact Terry Kile, Horst Construction, at 717.581.9941 or tkile@horstgroup.com.

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