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**Western Specialty Contractors Ranks No. 2
on ENR Magazine's National Top 20 Masonry Firms List**

(St. Louis, MO, Nov. 10, 2016) Industry-leading trade magazine, *Engineering News Record* (ENR), recently ranked Western Specialty Contractors as No. 2 on its national list of "Top 20 Firms in Masonry." The publication also ranked Western as No. 18, up two from last year, on its list of "Top 20 Firms in Roofing."

The rankings, which appeared in ENR's Oct. 24, 2016 issue, were based on the company's 2015 revenues. Western Specialty Contractors reported 2015 revenues from masonry projects at \$71.9 million, an increase of 10 percent over the previous year. In the roofing category, Western reported a 2015 revenue of \$18 million. Western has 30+ branch locations in major cities across the United States.

Some of Western's key 2015 masonry projects included:

- Eads Bridge Restoration Project - Western crews restored a brick archway under the 142-year-old historic bridge crossing the Mississippi River in St. Louis, MO.
- Broadway Bank - Western crews restored the Texas bank building's facade with 51,446 pounds of Himalayan quartz tile.
- Oak Ridge Cemetery Receiving Vault - Western crews restored the historic receiving vault in Springfield, IL that once held the body of President Abraham Lincoln.
- Freedom Place Apartments - Western crews restored the facade of a dilapidated building in St. Louis, MO for use as apartments for homeless veterans.
- Norden Hall - Western crews restored the facade of a landmark row house turned restaurant in Des Moines, IO.

Masonry restoration services provided by Western Specialty Contractors include:

- Brick and stone repair or replacement
- Re-pointing
- Building cleaning or sealing
- Expansion joint systems repair
- Epoxy injection
- Historic restoration and preservation
- Caulking and sealing
- Exterior wall coating
- Wall ties, structural steel repair or replacement
- Flashing systems

Founded over 100 years ago, Western Specialty Contractors has continued to refine and perfect its innovative techniques in masonry restoration, having worked on some of country's most iconic landmarks throughout its history including the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago, IL; The Citadel in Charleston, SC; Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Building in Atlanta, GA; Mazza Castle in Pacifica, CA; Shrine of Saint Joseph in St. Louis, MO and One Wall Street Tower in New York, NY, among many others.

About Western Specialty Contractors

Family-owned and operated for 100 years, Western Specialty Contractors is the nation's largest specialty contractor in masonry and concrete restoration, waterproofing and specialty roofing. Western offers a nationwide network of expertise that building owners, engineers, architects and property managers can count on to develop cost-effective, corrective measures that can add years of useful life to a variety of structures including: industrial, commercial, healthcare, historic, educational and government buildings, parking structures and sports stadiums. Western is headquartered in St. Louis, MO with over 30 branch offices nationwide and employs more than 1,200 salaried and hourly professionals who offer the best, time-tested techniques and innovative technology. For more information about Western Specialty Contractors, visit www.westernspecialtycontractors.com.

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