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**Western Construction Group Achieves
Ambitiously Low Workers' Compensation Rating**

Company Receives .55 Experience Modification Rating (EMR)

(St. Louis, MO, Aug. 25, 2014) - Western Construction Group has always prided itself on maintaining a healthy and safe work environment for its employees. Today, the insurance world is recognizing Western for its dedication to safety by awarding the company a difficult to attain .55 Experience Modification Rating (EMR).

A company's EMR is calculated by the National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI), an independent agency that gathers data, analyzes industry trends, and prepares objective insurance rate and loss cost recommendations. These activities, together with its research, analytical services and tools, and overall commitment to excellence help foster a healthy workers compensation system.

To determine a company's EMR, the NCCI compares a company's three-year payroll to the number of work comp losses the company has experienced over the same three-year time period. The resulting EMR indicates how safe a company is compared to its industry peers.

The lower the calculated EMR, the better. Any rating less than 1.00 means the company's three-year work comp loss experience is more favorable than its peers. Any rating greater than 1.00 means the company's work comp loss experience is less favorable than its industry peers.

"Western is proud to make note of its EMR rating of .55. A rating of 1.00 represents an average safety rating of a company. Anything less than 1.00 is good and indicates a company is operating more safely

than the average company within its industry. In short, an EMR of .55 is virtually unheard of in the construction industry and Western Construction Group is very proud of that fact. While Western has, and will continue to emphasize working safely, it is always nice to get recognized for doing so," said Ken Black, Senior Director - Enterprise Risk Management at Western Construction Group.

About Western Construction Group

Family-owned and operated for nearly 100 years, Western Construction Group is the nation's largest specialty contractor in masonry, concrete and facade restoration, waterproofing and specialty roofing. Offering a nationwide network of expertise, building owners, engineers, architects and property managers can count on Western Construction Group to develop cost-effective, corrective measures that can add years of useful life to industrial, commercial, healthcare, historic, educational and government buildings, parking structures and sports stadiums. Western Construction Group 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 Construction Group, visit www.westerngroup.com. *Western Construction Group: America's Master Craftsmen in Building Restoration and Preservation.*

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