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**Western Specialty Contractors Finds Innovative Solution to Repair  
Concrete Block Wall at American Excelsior Facility in Arlington, Texas**

(St. Louis, MO, Oct. 15, 2015) - Western Specialty Contractors - Dallas, Texas Branch recently used a lot of ingenuity and a little paint matching skills to repair a Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU) wall at the American Excelsior facility in Arlington, TX. American Excelsior manufactures and distributes products for packaging, cushioning, engineered foam specialties, erosion control and a wide variety of engineered wood fibers.

It was discovered that a beam at American Excelsior's manufacturing facility was putting too much pressure into a CMU wall which had busted out the top course of CMU block. Originally thinking that the exterior wall was made entirely of CMU block, Western crews soon learned that the CMU wall transitioned into a brick masonry wall at the interior. Western crews had to think of a new solution that would allow them to complete the project within budget, provided strength and blended with the existing appearance.

The new solution was to tear down the damaged CMU wall and install a fully reinforced pilaster. Western crews tied the new pilaster to the new CMU wall by installing helical masonry anchors embedded in epoxy. The final touch was color-matching the CMU wall with the existing wall color, making the repairs virtually unnoticeable.

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