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Englewood Construction's "Hard Hat Chat" Named CWA Best Blog of 2011

Lemont, Ill.-based firm honored with Construction Writers Association Website & Electronic Communications Award

CHICAGO (Oct. 12, 2011) – The Construction Writers Association (CWA) has announced that Englewood Construction, a national commercial construction firm, will receive the 2011 Website & Electronic Communications Blog Award for its commercial construction blog Hard Hat Chat, www.hardhatchat.com. Englewood Construction will accept the coveted award for best blog at the CWA's annual conference in San Antonio on Oct. 25.

Each year, CWA judges construction blogs and other forms of electronic communications throughout the country to choose a winner, evaluating the entries on content, design, effective technology aspects, and meeting stated objectives. Past winners in the blog category have included *Building Design+Construction's* BuildingTeam360 Blog and *ENR* - "Critical Path" from Tudor Van Hampton.

"Englewood Construction is extremely honored to receive this award and be in the same company of such respected previous recipients," said Bill Di Santo, president of Lemont, Ill.-based Englewood Construction, a national commercial construction firm, and co-author of the firm's blog. "It's gratifying to know the hard work we've put into this blog is appreciated, and that we are successful in reaching our audience and offering them information they find valuable."

Launched in October of 2009, Hard Hat Chat was designed to help professionals involved with commercial construction, development and management – such as commercial developers and construction managers - do their job better. The goal for Di Santo and Chuck Taylor, co-author of the blog and director of operations for Englewood Construction, was to create a dialogue about the issues surrounding their industry and help commercial real estate developers solve problems and build the most successful projects they can.

Though primarily geared toward commercial developers, Hard Hat Chat provides content relevant to all parties involved in commercial construction. Blog topics have ranged from "[Lessons from BP: The Ultimate Checklist for Commercial Construction Preventive Maintenance](#)" to "[Chicago Casino Construction: How to Deal the House a Winning Hand.](#)"

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When Di Santo and Taylor first discussed writing a blog, they wondered if enough people would be interested in reading it. But after receiving more than 22,000 page views to the blog since its launch, Di Santo feels the award is an indication that those in the commercial construction industry are searching for thought leadership and insights on best business practices in today's economy.

"Many sectors of the commercial construction industry have been hit hard, so people welcome a forum like our blog where they can share ideas and learn from others," said Di Santo. "It's one of the advantages of being in this business for more than 30 years – we've worked on almost every kind of project imaginable, so we want others to learn from our experiences."

In addition to Hard Hat Chat, Englewood Construction can also be followed on [Twitter](#), found on [Facebook](#) and watched on the [Englewood Construction YouTube channel](#). For more detailed news on Englewood Construction, visit its website, [EnglewoodConstruction.com](#).

About Englewood Construction:

Englewood Construction, Inc. is a commercial general contractor specializing in the construction of retail, restaurant, shopping center, hotel, office and industrial projects throughout the United States. The firm's scope of work includes all aspects of commercial construction, including pre-construction services, general contracting and construction management. Established in 2001, Englewood Construction's executive team has more than 30 years of commercial construction experience, including executive positions with R.A.S. Builders and Capitol Construction. Since its founding, Englewood Construction has managed over 500 projects worth more than \$250 million. The firm has worked on projects in 22 different states. Englewood Construction's national qualified subcontractor base exceeds 20,000 subcontractors and suppliers. For more information, visit [www.engagewoodconstruction.com](#).

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