

Testimonial for Southwest General Contractors

Project Name: Xcel Energy Regional Headquarters Project

Project Completed: May 2017

Project Location: Amarillo, TX



- Southwest General Contractors (SWGC) was a construction partner with Opus Design Build L.L.C. (Opus) from the very beginning to the construction end. With boots on the ground before any Opus employees arrived, SWGC procured and managed the site demolition, grading/earthwork, and underground utilities. They were able to get the project started off on the right foot.
- SWGC has been completely accessible and helpful. Their project manager has been a wonderful liaison for us with the city of Amarillo and the local subcontractors. When we've needed to approach the City, SWGC has been there as true partner, working with us through the permits, construction inspections, and final occupancy process. SWGC provided valuable insight into recommended subcontractors and provide a local present to help hold subcontractors accountable.
- Working with SWGC was a completely collaborative team approach. We feel like part of their team and that they are a part of our team. With Opus being responsible for the entire design build construction project, SWGC was a valued partner and was responsible for the complete procurement and management of the four-level office Tenant Improvement buildout. SWGC bringing the Tenant Improvement project in on time and on budget was no small feat and was hugely appreciated.
- Throughout the entire project SWGC provided a key member of their team to be a construction assistant to Opus' field superintendent. This person was the "jack of all trades" and provided all the required services that a significant project of this size required. He was a valuable member of the construction team.
- SWGC was terrific from the beginning of the Tenant Improvement from schematic design thru construction and they completely understood the Tenant Improvement construction. They creatively planned their work around our core & shell construction project and with many client interior design changes while still adhering to the tight timeframe we had requested. We really enjoyed working with SWGC.
- There is tremendous value to SWGC's teamwork approach. No matter what issues arose, they brought us options to consider. They worked very well with incorporating our general contractor teams in the overall project, allowing us to function together at a very high level. I do not know of many construction projects where two (2) separate general contractors worked successfully together on the same project. I genuinely felt that SWGC was equally as invested in the success of the project as we were.
- We would definitely recommend SWGC to anyone who asked. And when we undertake a new project in the Amarillo, TX area, if SWGC is again the best fit, we would welcome working with them again.

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