County Materials’ Hollowcore Plank Meets Challenges of Full-Service Freightliner Facility

Solutions: Long spans, versatile construction, speed of installation

The nation’s largest Freightliner dealer group, Truck Country turned to County Materials when they began constructing a new full-service Freightliner location north of Madison, in Deforest, Wisconsin. This facility replaced an existing location built to offer Truck Country clients more services, a better environment and a more convenient location. At 105,000 square feet, the massive project is an impressive 64,000 square feet larger than their previous building. The new structure provides them with a state-of-the-art facility to house a full service Freightliner dealership with a sales office, a corporate parts warehouse, and additional repair and maintenance bays. The facility also accommodates natural gas trucks, an option becoming popular as a clean energy alternative.

The facility has open repair and maintenance bays with an overlooking mezzanine for office space. County Materials supplied 21,582 square feet of hollowcore plank in 10 inch and 12 inch thicknesses used to build the mezzanine. The use of hollowcore was an easy decision for the contractor because it accommodated the long spans of the office space, reducing the need of additional supports. This allows the mezzanine to fit comfortably into the space and creates more room for the repair and maintenance bays.

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The project contractor, Beaudry Services, quickly recognized the role hollowcore plank could play in increasing the amount of usable space for their client. County Materials was chosen because of our ability to easily adjust delivery times to the construction schedule, allowing for an efficient construction process. As a testament to this decision, Dan Armstrong, Truck Country’s VP of Operation in Wisconsin, said, “County Materials has superior products and service; they are our construction partners for life.”

As often happens during construction projects, weather delayed the construction project several times. Beaudry Services was extremely satisfied with the scheduling flexibility and customer service County Materials offered them by adjusting delivery schedules as needed and keeping communication channels open through the challenging building process. Additionally, the contractor knew he could rely on County Materials to be his single resource for many related construction products they needed, including concrete masonry units and concrete pipe.

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