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AIC conducts extensive historical research before it begins a restoration project.

Helping Restore America

American International Construction Inc. is restoring a variety of old buildings throughout the United States with a high level of craftsmanship that is applied to every service it offers.

Being named to the 2007 *Inc.* 5,000 list by *Inc.com* was a nod to American International Construction (AIC) that it was doing something right, the company says. The list noted the fastest-growing private companies in the United States, and AIC believes it is the company's mix of quality, service and comprehensive capabilities that has enabled it to achieve this milestone.

"American International Construction knows that repeat business grows out of the quality of work we do for our customers," the company says. "When clients require a company that exemplifies excellence through proven performance, they should be confident in trusting American International Construction."

The Ohio-based AIC specializes in the restoration and preservation of commercial, residential and institutional building exteriors. Incorporated in 1978, AIC says it has become a nationwide leader in the caulking and building restoration industry, having completed thousands of projects. Even so, the firm notes, it continues

to strive to be the best in the industry.

"Our unyielding commitment to quality shows in the work we do, from complete façade restorations for large corporate office buildings and hotels to storefront renovations for small local businesses," the company says. "When clients hire American International Construction, they can rest assured that they will receive high-quality service from a courteous and professional staff, and they will get the beautiful results they are expecting."

American International says its portfolio includes:

- Recaulking precast window systems at the Landerbrook office building in Mayfield Heights, Ohio;
- Sandstone stair restoration at Wheeler Hall at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio;
- Façade restoration for the Shalom Towers in Louisville, Ky.;
- Tuckpointing and balcony restoration at Boulevard Towers in Buffalo, N.Y.;
- Steeple restoration at the Forest Hills Church in Cleveland Heights, Ohio;
- Recaulking and sill flashing installation at the OfficeMax corporate building in Highland Heights, Ohio; and

American International Construction Inc.

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Services: Architectural restoration

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■ Recaulking and reglazing at Kaiser Permanente in Willoughby, Ohio.

"American International has repaired some of the most difficult and deteriorated building facades imaginable," the company says. "Years of experience restoring structural components with major problems have made AIC a formidable force in the industry. Our expertise includes brick, stone, concrete, metal, curtain walls, window walls, steel components and wood structures."

A Dedication to Craftsmanship

AIC says it prides itself on being a one-source contractor for both existing and new structures. The company explains its services involve:

■ The application of caulking and specialty sealants, which helps ensure the integrity and water tightness of building components. AIC says moisture intrusion is a leading cause of building exterior component failures such as spalling, cracking and delaminating facades.

Interior components such as drywall, flooring and ceilings, the company notes, are often damaged due to water infiltration and lack of proper caulking maintenance.

■ Cleaning a building façade, which, AIC says, can have a "dramatic effect" on its final appearance. Carbon buildup and atmospheric pollutants can mask the hidden beauty of a historic building. AIC says it takes great pride in providing services that unveil the color and architectural splendor of a variety of structures.

■ The restoration of masonry. "Contrary to popular belief," the company says, "brick and stone buildings do require periodic maintenance and repair to ensure longevity."

AIC offers tuck pointing of cracks in mortar, structural pinning and wall stabilization systems, brick replacement, stone resetting and related cleaning and water-repellent services.

■ Balcony restoration and replacement. From simple concrete spall repairs and patching to complete removal and replacement, AIC says it has become a leader in balcony replacement.

The company explains it can provide complete structural restoration repairs to balconies of any type: cast-in-place concrete, precast concrete, steel and concrete, as well as wood. Included in these services, it says, are decorative waterproof membrane systems and coatings, hand-railing repairs, modifications and full replacements.

■ The provision and application of coating systems. AIC says that with the highly advanced elastomeric coating systems available on the market, it can provide building owners with a wide range of solutions for both water tightness and architectural enhancement. Building components such as concrete, masonry, exterior insulation finish systems and metal walls, the firm says, can be sealed and aesthetically improved with these high-tech coatings.

■ Storefront renovation. AIC says it can add "invaluable street appeal" to a business with a storefront facelift. Options in this service include masonry restoration and cleaning, new windows, doors, signs and canopies.

American International Construction explains completely new façade components can also be introduced to dramatically alter the appearance of the building. ■

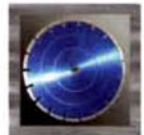
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