

Design-Build delivers for South Adams School

South Adams celebrated the opening of their new Pre-k through 8th grade facility with a dedication ceremony July 23rd. The opening was followed by public tours so the community could see what is in store for their students this fall. Over 1000 area residents have toured the 149,678 square foot facility with overwhelmingly positive comments.

The project was made possible by a 2005 Indiana law authorizing design-build delivery for public works projects. Design-Build is a proven delivery method historically providing advantages such as higher quality, faster delivery and lower cost than traditional design-bid-build delivery. South Adams was faced with a critical need for new facilities, but was committed to the project being affordable for the community. After doing their homework, their solution was to step up and be the first School Corporation to utilize the design-build option.

The results are consistent with historical design-build results and prove their decision was a good one. The new facility cost came in at \$133 per square foot. The average Indiana cost to build a new elementary school in 2007 was \$157.81 per square foot. This is a 16% cost reduction amounting to about a \$4,000,000 savings for taxpayers. The South Adams staff was actively involved in the planning and layout of the project. This collaboration ensures the scope of the project supports their education program, their operational plans and they got full value for the investment. The building construction took 50 weeks to reach substantial completion, 4 weeks early.

The project design-build team was lead by Performance Services with architectural design by CSO Architects. Other key team members were R.L. Turner for General construction, Durkin Villalta Professional Engineers for mechanical and electrical design, ESCO Communications for technology design and installation, and ForeSight Consulting working with Star Excavating for site development.

The following link will take you to a press release with more information and quotes from the South Adams officials.

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