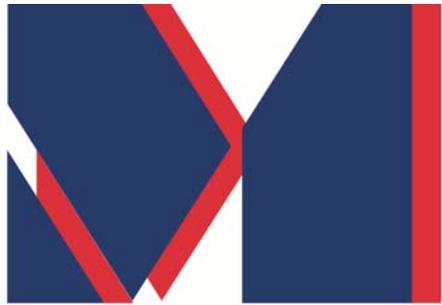


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MOBIL STEEL PERFORMANCE EARNS HONORS, RECOGNITION

HOUSTON (December 20, 2012) – [Mobil Steel International, Inc.](#) received multiple industry recognition in 2012 as a top steel fabricator in the Greater Houston region. The local company earned [Associated Builders and Contractors of Greater Houston](#) honors as best service supplier to the industrial and commercial construction industry. Additionally, Mobil Steel extended its consecutive-years streak as one of only a handful of Houston-area quality certified steel fabricators. The manufacturing company further established itself as an industry and community leader during 2012.

The Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) Greater Houston Chapter awarded the 2012 Supplier Business Excellence award to Mobil Steel in October for excellence in business management, including superior stewardship through human resource development and retention of employees, safety and environmental practices. The award also recognized great community service and outstanding general business practices. ABC Houston established the business excellence awards to honor ABC members who make exceptional contributions to the industry, ABC and the community at large.

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In January, 2012, Mobil Steel earned its sixth consecutive [American Institute of Steel Construction \(AISC\)](#) quality certification as a steel fabricator. This recognition establishes Mobil Steel as one of only seven Houston area steel fabricators to achieve the rigorous industry standard for quality steel fabrication. It also confirms Mobil Steel's commitment to meeting customers' expectations by producing quality steel fabrication time-after-time.

Mobil Steel's commitment to quality and superior customer service helped the local company meet increased steel fabrication demand spurred by a rebounding U.S. economy. The company trained and hired fabricators, welders and machine press operators, as well as added an engineer and project manager to meet demand. Rick Johnson, a degreed engineer, trained estimator and project manager, helped Mobil Steel bid and manage a large influx of projects the company recently won as the local energy, refining and petrochemical industries lead an economic recovery for America.

“Receiving the industry supplier award is certainly an honor; it is humbling to be recognized by our industry peers,” said Mobil Steel President and CEO Leonard A. Bedell. “Most importantly, the award validates our core values – we are customer-focused with highly motivated, skilled employees who understand that they are partners with our customers in delivering high-quality, on-time work that meets the customers' highest expectations and standards, time-after-time.

Even though business picked up, Mobil Steel remained true to its core value of giving back to the local community. Mobil Steel continued to be active in the local community, supporting causes that assist children and disadvantaged families, provide scholarships, and help unemployed workers find jobs. Bedell and his group of employees did not just give money, they gave time and directly participated in the charity programs. As an example, Mobil Steel hired employees from the [Sagemont Church's Helping Hands](#) program which helps the unemployed, as well as displaced spouses and children, senior citizens needing home improvements and other community needs.

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Mobil Steel continued its ritual of supporting Boys and Girls Country, a tradition that President and CEO Leonard A. Bedell started in the 1970s through active participation in the [Boys and Girls Country](#) annual fundraiser. Boys and Girls Country is a Christian Home, providing children from families in crisis with love, security, a sense of self-worth, and opportunities to prepare them for a successful life, according to Bedell.

Mobil Steel is a champion of the free enterprise system and promotes free market principles. The Company's management team actively participates in programs that recognize, reward and promote good government programs. Company president and CEO, Leonard A. Bedell, serves on the Board of Directors as treasurer of ABC Houston, one of the prominent industry trade associations working to improve job performance, workforce development, and increase worker safety.

Mobil Steel also served as a major sponsor of the [Economic Alliance Houston Port Region](#) Petrochemical and Maritime Outlook Conference in September. The conference featured discussions of industry plans to expand facilities based on an abundant and affordable supply of natural gas. More than \$15 billion in capital investments for the Greater Houston region were discussed, as well as challenges that accompany rapid growth. Workforce training and development will be critical to meet the challenges of a skilled workforce to construct and maintain the chemical and refining industries. Building appropriate infrastructure to support plant expansion also must be considered according to industry experts discussing expansion plans.

“Just as we are committed to reaching our own high standards and exceeding our customers' expectations, we are determined to help our industry address issues and provide solutions that advance the industrial and commercial construction industry,” Bedell added.

About Mobil Steel International, Inc.

[Mobil Steel International, Inc.](#) fabricates steel used in some of the world's essential industries: chemical, manufacturing, petroleum, communication, clean fuels, and power utilities, as well as commercial construction. Mobil Steel, which has been at its South Wayside Drive facility in Houston for 43 years, has a production capacity of more than 1,000 tons per month in its 80,000

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square feet of plant and office facilities under roof, providing flexibility to manage multiple projects. The 8.5-acre site is located within major freeway access to the refining and petrochemical complex in the Gulf Coast region. Mobil Steel is quality certified by the [American Institute of Steel Construction](#) (AISC). Mobil Steel is active in [Associated Builders and Contractors](#), [Associated General Contractors](#) and is a sponsoring member of [Economic Alliance Houston Port Region](#) and a member of the [Pasadena Chamber of Commerce](#). For information about Mobil Steel visit www.mobilsteel.com.