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Carstensen Contracting team completes Industrial Rescue Certification

Ten members of the Carstensen Contracting wind division have completed Industrial Rescue Certification, and all field employees have completed a 30-hour OSHA training course and are now certified in First Aid, CPR and AED.

The Industrial Rescue Certification is an intensive three-day training course put on by SynTech Safety Solutions involving a variety of mock drills. Participants put together emergency rescue plans for incidents that might occur at the top of a tower, inside or outside the nacelle and at other areas around the site. They also practice high angle rescues to recover people from those locations and bring them down the tower safely.

Two Carstensen employees, Chad Kissel and Chris Ladwig, completed additional training and testing through specialized drills and are now certified to provide training for others on the Carstensen team.

“This training fits well with our commitment to safety,” said Keith Thorstad, Carstensen’s vice-President. “It’s a valuable reminder of the dangers that exist in this profession and why we must always emphasize best practices in safety. Every one of our employees knows that safety is our top most priority, and it is up to each of them to help create a safe work environment.”

Carstensen sends employees through this safety program every year.

“I would like to commend Carstensen Contracting Inc. for the outstanding team they put together for their wind division. The team is a reflection of the safety culture instilled in the company and how the team has adopted the premises of “safety is everyone’s responsibility,” said Fred Schillreff, director of training and education for SynTech Safety Solutions. “The Carstensen commitment to thinking beyond federal regulatory guidance and their implementation of state-of-the-art concepts for safety is refreshing to see in the fast-paced wind energy industry,”

Carstensen Contracting offers wind energy, general contracting, concrete paving, underground, and site preparation services to customers across the United States. Since 1980, CCI has built a reputation as a company that offers quality construction and innovative thinking. Their wind energy services include general contracting, foundation design and construction, civil design and construction, tower and turbine installation, electrical design and installation, and building construction. For more information on Carstensen Contracting, Inc. visit

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