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"In business, I've discovered that my purpose is to do my best to my utmost ability everyday. That's my standard. I learned early in my life that I had high standards."
Donald Trump

What's Happening at Stone Development Group



Stone Development Group will be attending its first Kids 'R' Kids Owners Conference at the end of March. This yearly event has been going strong for 5 years now and is growing larger and larger each time. We will have a booth set up showcasing our services and past projects to owners of Kids 'R' Kids daycare facilities. We are excited to introduce ourselves and our new "Lobby Refresh

Project" to all attending.

Along with booths showcasing company's products they offer a great opportunity to meet all owners of Kids 'R' Kids daycare facilities. The conference will feature such events as a golf outing, meet and greets, giveaways, mixers, and a special Gala event. We have heard nothing but great things about these conferences and are all excited to be able to attend this year. If you will be attending please stop by our booth and say hello!



Stone Development Group has also begun construction work on the inaugural iShine Car Wash, what is to be a nationwide franchise, in Missouri City, Texas. The concept for iShine is a high volume Express Exterior Car Wash & Detail Service with detail packages lasting 15 to 30 minutes. We are happy to be starting construction after 2 years of development and design work with the owners of iShine Car Wash.

Message From The President

All of us have weathered a severe downturn in our economy and I believe we are finally seeing some light at the end of the tunnel. I am encouraged everyday by the news from clients and partners that their business is steadily growing. With this growth brings opportunity and challenges. We at Stone Development Group have been given

the opportunity to partner with some clients while they start to build their businesses again. And have been closely monitoring our material costs as they have started to rise. Through our partnerships with material suppliers and warehouses we look to secure pricing on materials and offer our clients competitive pricing on all projects.

Without the close relationships we foster with our partners, this would not be possible. I want to thank our clients and our partners for continuing to work with Stone Development Group over the past 3 years of the economic downturn and look forward to continual growth alongside both.

Getting To Know Stone Development Group

Your Name: *John Stone*
 What's your favorite sport? *Snowboarding (it's a sport)*
 What's your favorite thing to do in the summer? *Grilling, stogies and Mojitos*
 What's your favorite cartoon character, and why? *Handy Smurf (obvious reasons)*
 Are you a morning or night person? *I can handle both*
 What's the weirdest thing you've ever eaten? *I'm not adventurous with what I eat*
 If you were a comic strip character, who would you be and why? *Probably Odie*
 What thought or message would you want to put in a fortune cookie? *No matter what, you will always be alright*
 If you had to give up a favorite food, which would be the most difficult to give up? *I am currently struggling with giving up bread*
 If you won a lottery ticket and had a million dollars, what would you do with it? *Spend it*
 You've been given access to a time machine. Where and when would you travel to? *I'd travel ahead a few weeks and grab Newspapers*
 If you could be any superhero and have super powers, which one would you like to have and why? *Can a superhero predict the future?*
 If you could transport yourself anywhere instantly, where would you go and why? *To the top of the mountain at Loveland Resort in Colorado. It was an amazing ride down.*
 Growing up, what were your favorite toys to play with as a child? *I'm pretty sure it was a Tonka Truck or a 2x4*
 What is the last book you read? *The Saint, The Surfer, and The CEO*

“Do more than is required. What is the distance between someone who achieves their goals consistently and those who spend their lives and careers merely following? The extra mile.”
 Gary Ryan Blair



Kids R Kids Project in Richmond, Texas

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Historic Commercial Construction Projects

No business has better demonstrated the ideals of adventure, patriotism, daring and creativity than the American commercial construction company. Commercial construction companies have connected our nation's coasts, harnessed the power of mighty rivers, tunneled beneath great cities and touched the skies overhead. Today, you can't enter a building, drive a road, ride a train or subway or even use a manufactured product without experiencing the result of some commercial construction company's effort. These visionaries have literally paved the way for America's economy and way of life. Everyday, commercial contractors all across the country are breaking ground on new structures, expanding and improving roads and bridges and improving our nation's commercial and transportation infrastructure—extending the veins and arteries of commerce, which carry our economy's lifeblood.

The work of commercial construction companies is almost always unheralded. Occasionally, however, a construction project is so monumental in its scope or impact on our society that it captures the world's attention. These famous projects show the ingenuity, dedication and courage demonstrated by the commercial construction companies that took them from vision to reality. The hardships and dangers the workers faced, the challenges the companies overcame and the new technologies they



One example being Chicago's very own Water Tower Place. Many people are unaware of Water Tower Place, but for 15 years this historic structure was the tallest reinforced concrete building in the world - for its time, it was cutting edge technology that was impossible only a few years before.

Water Tower Place in Chicago Illinois was the tallest reinforced concrete building in the world from 1975 to 1990, when it was surpassed in height by 311 South Wacker Drive, also in Chicago. Water Tower Place is 76 stories, 859 feet tall and contains concrete with a strength of up to 9,000 psi.

Named after the Chicago Water Tower, the building was designed by Loeb, Schlossman, Dart & Hackl. The commercial construction company who built Water Tower Place was Inland-Robbins Company. A conventional design was used for the bottom 12 floors and a tubular design for the top 64 stories, using lightweight and normal weight concrete, as well as high strength concrete.

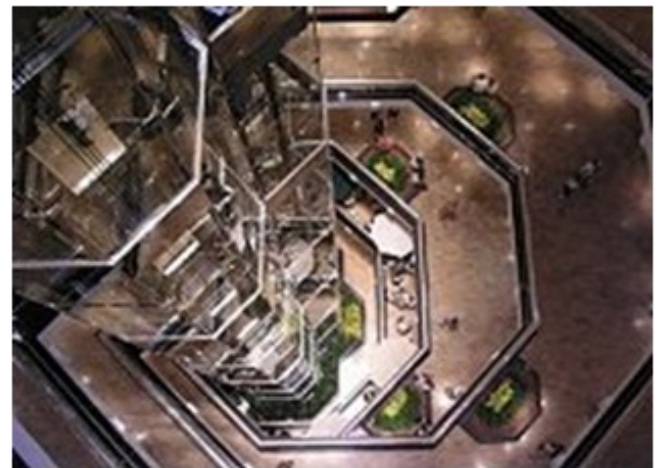
Water Tower Place could not have been built before the mid-1970s because concrete made before then would not have supported the massive structure. In the 1950s, any concrete with a compressive strength of 5,000 psi was considered high-strength. That definition changed in the 1960s, when high-strength concrete was anywhere between 6,000 and 7,500 psi. It wasn't until the early 1970s that concrete with a strength of 9,000 psi, the strength of some of the concrete used on Water Tower Place, was developed.

Advancements in improving concrete's strength have continued to improve the material even beyond the time Water Tower Place was created; modern concrete can reach strengths approaching 20,000 psi.

Only some of the cement in Water Tower Place is a strength of 9,000 psi. Commercial concrete contractors used 11 different mixes, varying from 3,000 psi for the slabs to 9,000 psi for the columns. The structural system of the building consists of reinforced concrete on the outside with steel columns on the inside and steel slabs topped with composite concrete. At 2/3 the height of the tallest steel building when it was built, Water Tower Place serves as an example of how cement's abilities make it a strong rival of steel.

Not only is the building composed of concrete, but concrete also lies underneath the building site. Commercial construction was delayed unexpectedly for several weeks when the commercial construction company discovered a stream running under the building site. They resolved the problem by creating a giant concrete dome to plug the water so that commercial construction could continue.

Even though taller buildings have been built since 1975, Water Tower Place, which remains fully operational today, marked a major milestone for commercial construction companies in the advancement of high-strength concrete and the new capabilities this innovation afforded.





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National Presence...Local Approach!

PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION DEVELOPMENT

Stone Development Group is a full service Developer, General Contractor with headquarters in Minneapolis/ St. Paul, Minnesota and a regional branch in Chicago, Illinois . We are proud of our national presence, but continue to take a local approach to all our projects. Our work consists of 500 square feet to 150,000 square feet build-outs, re-sets, and multi-floor units for the restaurant, retail and office complex industry. As an organization, our construction crews travel to any geography our customers operate in; past projects have taken us to; Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Wisconsin, as well as our home markets in Illinois and Minnesota.



Why Work With Stone Development Group?

As our own General Contractor, Stone Development Group can control the timing and quality of every job we do. As a result, we can help reduce the overall cost of your project while keeping them running on schedule and budget. SDG has the expertise and knowledge to implement effective systems for staffing, scheduling, cost and budget control and reporting functions that will keep your project running efficiently from start to finish.

Development - Getting your project done right, on time and under budget is not a goal at SDG; it is the way we do business. At SDG we believe the amount of time and effort you put into the pre-construction phase has a direct

affect on the success of your project. By working as a team from the initial stages of your project to the finish, SDG will make sure your project is done right every step of the way while allowing you to only have to interact with one company, SDG.



We have a wealth of experience in providing construction development services to our wide array of retail, restaurant and office complex

clients.

Construction Management - SDG can coordinate and supervise the construction process from the conceptual development stage through final construction, making sure the project gets done on time and within budget. At SDG we work with the owners, engineers, architects, sub-contractors, and any others who are involved in the construction process to make sure your job gets done right SDG has the resources and staffing to insure that you get quality work on each aspect of the job. No need to worry about the big things or sweat the small details, SDG will do it all for you.