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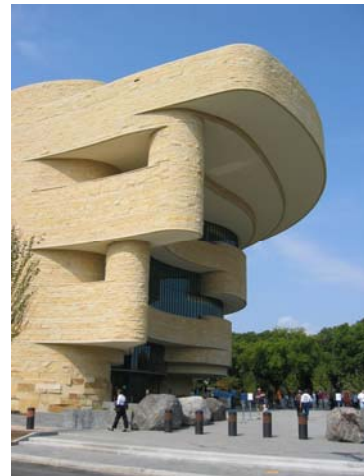
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QUIKRETE® UNEARTH'S AMERICAN INDIAN TREASURE *Bulk Mortar and Silo System Used to Build National Landmark*

Washington, D.C. (Oct. 27, 2004) – The QUIKRETE® Companies takes pride in knowing it played a significant role in the recent opening of the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) in Washington, D.C. By providing the mortar used to lay block and stone on NMAI, the newest addition to the Smithsonian's National Mall, The QUIKRETE® Companies has forever linked itself to this historic U.S. landmark.

GA Masonry Corporation used 1,935 QUIKRETE® 3,000-pound bags of Type S mortar and its Spec-Mix silo system to lay block backup on the 250,000 square-foot NMAI. The project took three years, involved more than 40 masons and required two custom blended colors, which were individually mixed into QUIKRETE® 3,000-pound bags of Type S mortar for wet setting stone. In addition, 1,500 QUIKRETE® 3,000-pound bags of Fine Grout were used on NMAI.



“A project the magnitude of the National Museum of the American Indian requires the highest quality products and service,” said Ed Owens, QUIKRETE® sales manager for bulk materials in the Atlantic region. “GA Masonry Corporation selected a product partner in The QUIKRETE® Companies it knew would generate the best results in a cost-efficient manner. The silo system's consistent mixing and mobility proved cost-effective as it helped reduce both labor costs and material loss.”

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As a showcase to many native cultures, NMAI is home to one of the world's largest and most diverse collections of American Indian art and artifacts, representing a 10,000 year time span starting in ancient Pre-Columbian. NMAI is a five-story domed structure that has the appearance of a gigantic natural rock formation and is accented by curving bands of rough-cut, golden toned limestone. Four habitats indigenous to the local region are represented outside NMAI and all patrons are welcomed at the entry in 200 native languages. The works of native artists will be on display as "Landmark Objects" throughout NMAI and visitors will be exposed to 3,500 showcased objects in the "Window on the Collections."



QUIKRETE[®]'s bulk mortar and Spec-Mix silo system has been used on many recent high-profile projects around the U.S. including the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, Atlanta World Congress Center, San Diego Padres' baseball stadium, and the Ray and Maria Stata Center science building on the MIT campus in Boston. It also manufactures a full line of commercial grade products including FastSet[™] Non-Shrink Grout, FastSet[™] Repair Mortar, Non-Shrink Precision Grout, GUN-ite MS[™] and Shotcrete MS.

The QUIKRETE[®] Companies

The QUIKRETE[®] Companies are the largest manufacturers of packaged concrete in the United States and an innovative leader in the commercial building and home improvement industries. With more than 80 manufacturing facilities in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and South America, The QUIKRETE[®] Companies have unsurpassed product distribution and depth. The QUIKRETE[®] Technical Center ensures that professionals and consumers alike are provided with the most innovative and highest quality products available on the market. For additional information on QUIKRETE[®] or its products, please visit www.quikrete.com or call (800) 282-5828.

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