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2011 National Minority Construction Firm Of The Year



Gov. Bev Perdue commends Aaron Thomas, president of Metcon Construction Inc. of Pembroke, for recognition as “2011 National Minority Construction Firm of the Year” by U.S. Department of Commerce’s Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA). The award was presented on Friday at the 2011 Minority Enterprise Development Week Conference held in Washington, D.C.

“Aaron Thomas is an exceptional business leader and a wonderful ambassador to represent the value and excellence of North Carolina’s minority-owned firms,” said Gov. Perdue. “He is a leader in every sense of the word and is generous about sharing information and resources with North Carolina’s HUB community.”

Found in 1999, Metcon is certified by the N.C. Office for Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB Office) as an American Indian-owned general construction business. Metcon specializes in commercial building and infrastructure, with complete design-build and construction management capabilities. Thomas recently expanded operations and created new jobs by opening a branch office in Raleigh.

“HUB certification and support has been instrumental to our firm’s success,” Thomas said. “We value this experience and encourage other HUB firms to take full advantage of available services and programs.”

In collaboration with the HUB Office and the N.C. Indian Economic Development Initiative, Thomas recently led a Statewide Uniform Certification Program (SWUC) training at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. SWUC ensures that qualified HUB firms are represented in the statewide vendor database and provided notice of competitive bid opportunities, which helps them to keep and grow local jobs.

In addition to the national award, Metcon recently was honored as “2011 Minority Construction Firm of the Year” by the Atlanta Region MBDA. Metcon was nominated by the N.C. Institute for Minority Economic Development, which operates the N.C. Statewide Minority Business Development Center.

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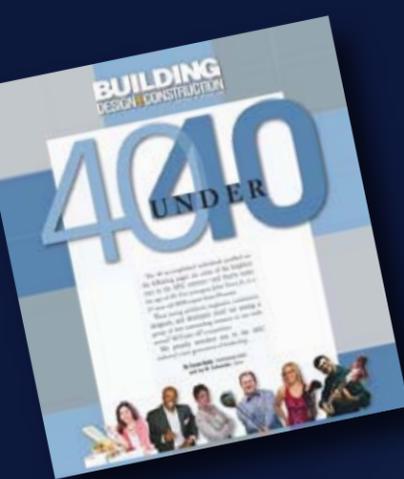
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Aaron Thomas, Named National Top 40 Under 40



The May Issue of Building Design + Construction Magazine recognized the next generation of leadership in the Architecture, Engineering & Construction (AEC) Industry and Metcon Inc.'s Aaron Thomas made the cut.

The 6th annual recognition program selected forty top architects, engineers, contractors, designers, and developers among a group of outstanding entrants. Thomas was one of two award winners chosen from the state of North Carolina.

Thomas, 35, received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of NC at Pembroke and earned a Masters degree in Construction Management from East Carolina University. Since founding Metcon in 1999, he grew the company from \$800,000 in annual sales to more than \$30 million in less than ten years.

Metcon has since added construction management, design/build, hospitality, and infrastructure divisions and is now positioned as a leader in implementing Building Information Modeling (BIM).

About 70% of business comes from repeat clients. Thomas' Alma mater is one of the largest clients, as Metcon has constructed more than \$40 million in projects at UNC-Pembroke.

Thomas is also currently a member, manager of Venture Properties Group, Pembroke, N.C. He oversees land purchases for future residential development, and develops and manages commercial real estate properties throughout southeastern North Carolina. He is a Governor appointee to the N.C. Clean Water Trust Fund and serves as Co-chair of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina's federal recognition committee.

To learn more about the "40 Under 40" list visit www.bdcnetwork.com or www.metconnc.com.

featured projects

UNCP Cypress Hall

Location: Pembroke, NC
Duration: 13 months
Original value: \$16,400,000

New five story, 476 bed dormitory on new area of The University of NC at Pembroke campus project featuring the 1st use of the WIBS panelized structured system in North Carolina.

Facility features single and double suites. Each floor has student amenities such as computer labs, study areas, and laundry facilities.



Robeson County Department of Social Services

Location: Lumberton, NC
Duration: 12 months
Original value: \$19,000,000

105,000 square feet of Social Services Complex. The building includes a Juvenile Court and a training room with 400 seats and is used for all Robeson County administrative trainings. This project consists of three separate wings connected by a curtain wall and steel bridge. The building is constructed out of structured steel, brick veneer with a standing seam metal roof. Designed to achieve LEED silver status by U.S.G.B.C. CM Project with full Pre-construction services.



new projects

SRMC Red Springs Medical Center
Location: Red Springs, NC
Duration: 9 months
Budget: \$2,000,000

The project consists of a 11,500 sf building along with site improvement to accommodate the new facility. The scope includes clearing, earthwork, storm sewer, water & sanitary sewer, site concrete, asphalt paving and landscaping. The building will consist of concrete slab, structural steel frame with curtain wall system, standing seam metal roof, masonry and EIFS exterior finishes. Interior to include: metal and framing, drywall acoustical ceiling system, storefront glazing, painting, carpet & tile, X-Ray protection, door frames & builders hardware, HVAC plumbing, electric, alarm, data/phones, Ethernet and signage work.

Sandy Grove Middle School
Location: Lumber Bridge, NC
Duration: 14 months
Construction Budget: \$15,100,000



The Sandy Grove Middle School project consists of a 74,000 SF building along with associated site development. This project will be a "Net Zero" facility that incorporates extensive LEED and Green Building components including large Photo Voltaic and Geothermal systems.

Cumberland County Jail Expansion
Location: Fayetteville, NC
Duration: 24 months (9 months Preconstruction and 15 months Construction)
Project Budget: \$15,000,000

New two story 316 bed addition to the existing Cumberland County Jail including both Dormitory and Maximum Security inmate housing. Project also includes minor modifications to areas in the existing facility as required to integrate the new systems into the existing infrastructure as well as necessary site improvements to support the facility expansion.

Progress Energy Building Restack (PEB)
Location: Raleigh, NC
Duration: 16 months
Original value: \$18,145,044



Highrise restacking project for Progress Energy on Fayetteville Street in downtown Raleigh. 346,000 sq. ft. registered LEED for Commercial Interiors, with a target level of Silver. Owner occupied structure will be upfit two floors at a time.

Fayetteville State University Renaissance Hall
Location: Fayetteville, NC
Duration: 11 months
Original value: \$13,000,000



New three story, 370 bed dormitory at Grace Black Circle on Fayetteville State University campus. Masonry construction with brick, stone and glass veneer. 85,000 sq. ft. Features two & four bedroom Suites, study areas, meeting space, learning labs, laundry facilities and kitchen.

Metcon, Inc. Expands General Contracting Operations into the Raleigh-Durham Area

We recently expanded our market presence into the Raleigh-Durham region in July. In addition to offering superior Construction Management and Design-Build Services in southeastern North Carolina, Metcon will now operate an office in Raleigh to better aid customers in and around the Triangle.

Metcon President and Chief Executive Officer Aaron Thomas officially announced the opening August 31, 2011, citing the growing demand for construction services in Raleigh and surrounding areas. The office is located at 3100 Smoketree Court, Suite 215 (Raleigh, NC 27604); Tony Jordan, VP-Director of Operations, will direct efforts at the new location.

Jordan has over 30 years of facility design and construction management experience culminating into an innovative leader who uses creative vision to lead organizations to effect change and deliver results. Tony joined forces with Metcon after gaining much construction experience working with WIMCO Corp, John S. Clark, LLC, J & K Construction, to



acknowledge a few. Tony received his Masters in Construction Management degree in 2009 from Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC. Stephanie Strong, Executive Assistant, will assist Jordan and manage the office.

Our corporate headquarters is located in Pembroke, N.C.; we have successfully completed over 500 projects in the past 11 years in Robeson and Cumberland counties.

The company has seen significant growth in our customer base—and with the new office in Raleigh—will be able to provide better support to clients as well as the growing prospect base in the region.

“The opening of the new Raleigh office provides the opportunity to bring to the triangle the same outstanding construction services we’ve delivered to southeastern NC over the past 11 years” said Aaron Thomas.

PHOTO: From Left, Aaron K. Thomas, President & CEO of Metcon, Inc., Stephanie Strong, Office Manager & Executive Assistant and Tony Jordan, Vice President-Director of Raleigh Operations.

HUB Certification Training

In collaboration with the NC Indian Economic Development Initiative and the State office for Historically Underutilized Businesses, Metcon recently led and hosted a Statewide Uniform Certification (SWUC) training at UNC-Pembroke’s Center for Economic, Community and Professional Development. The training, held on September 19th, 2011, highlighted the steps firms must follow to become certified as a Historically Underutilized Business with the state of North Carolina.

What is the definition of a HUB?

Fifty-one percent of the business is owned by, and the day-to-day management and daily business operations are controlled by, one of the following: Black, Hispanic, Asian-American, American Indian, Female or a Socially and Economically Disadvantaged person, or Disabled-Owned or a Disabled Business Enterprise.

What are the advantages of becoming HUB certified?

Certification as a HUB vendor provides greater exposure for business opportunities in state procurement and contracting. The names of HUB firms are listed in the Vendor Link System which is widely used by state agencies, universities, community colleges, local schools, local governments and institutions and the public to locate historically underutilized businesses for goods, services and construction.

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