

PROJECT PROFILE

November, 2011

Client: Rolling Meadows Development LLC

- Vanguard Contracting – GC/Interior Finish/Exterior Framing, Demolition
- Fischer & Associates, Architect
- Larson Engineering
- LW Meyer, Inc.

Best Western Premium Hotel,
Fond du Lac, WI.

A building for the ages...

Powers' technology gives Wisconsin structure a new lease on life

FOND DU LAC, WI — Retrofitting a concrete structure once housing the Fond du Lac County Nursing Home, built in 1956, and turning it into a Best Western Hotel is a challenge any way you look at it. Phase I, the hotel, is set for completion in June 2012. Later, Phase II and III will include a 700-person capacity banquet hall, a swimming pool and water park.

Making that deadline was in doubt as demolishing all existing interior walls and replacing them with metal studs and drywall began. Vanguard Contracting saved 40 man-hours on this portion of the job alone by eliminating drilling/anchoring with masonry screw anchors and did the job with Powers' Trak-It® C4 EX for forced entry fastening. Replacing powder-actuated fastening with the Powers' system saved another eight man-hours by eliminating the need for a second person in the lift as a helper for two hours a day.

Vanguard Contracting owner, Brian Fuchs, points out the Trak-It C4 EX is faster, less fatiguing and much quieter so it's better for his people. And, the cost for pins and gas is less than pins and gunpowder loads, reducing material costs. The 42-pin capacity magazine make loading infrequent, and the owner is pleased with the Powers Fasteners policy of not charging for parts and labor on the tool system.

When Dan Lenz of LW Meyer Inc., the local Powers Fasteners' distributor, explained the benefits of fastening wooden or steel 2x4s to concrete — including the extra power needed to attach metal studs to 55-year-old concrete, the decision was a quick one.

The Trak-It system of a gas-actuated tools has a pin capacity range of from ½-inch to 2-9/16 inches. For details on this system and the complete Powers line, go to www.powers.com.

