

Architectural Wall Systems co.

Local curtain wall company evolves into national building envelope manufacturer

Mike and Keenan Cunningham started Architectural Wall Systems Co. in 1991 with the goal of providing a single source of responsibility for exterior wall construction and state of the art technology. Sixteen years later, AWS is ranked as the 9th largest glazing contractor in the United States. Beginning with EMC Insurance as their first high-rise project, AWS went on to build other well known downtown projects such as Meredith Corporate Headquarters, Allied Insurance, Wells Fargo Financial (north and south), State Judicial Building, Des Moines Public Library and the Pappajohn Higher Education Center.

“Our continual focus on cutting edge building envelope technology has developed us into a manufacturer for projects throughout the U.S., including Hawaii and Alaska,” states Mike Cunningham. “We literally just keep pushing the envelope.”



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EMC Insurance



Wells Fargo Financial North



Mike Cunningham, President and Owner