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Industry Leaders Identify 2017 Butler Design Award Winner

Bel-Con Design-Builders Ltd. recognized for new SafeStart corporate facility

Kansas City, Mo., April 12, 2017 — [Butler Manufacturing](#)™ named Canadian builder [Bel-Con Design-Builders Ltd.](#) as this year's Butler Design Award winner for its industry-leading construction of [SafeStart](#), a safety training company in Belleville, Ontario.

The Butler Design Award was created as an opportunity for the Butler Builder® network to showcase innovative, unique projects that achieved industry standards and drew on marketplace trends to deliver solutions that met clients' needs. Eligible buildings must have been completed within the last two years.

"We judged the submissions based on the overall aesthetics and function of each one, with an eye on how the designers integrated metal building systems technology into each project. All the entries were excellent and showcased the near limitless design potential of metal building systems," said Dan Walker, Metal Building Manufacturers Association (MBMA).

Award submissions were judged by:

- John Bencher, [AGA Architects](#)
- Paul Deffenbaugh, [Metal Constructions News](#)
- David Medin, [DJ Medin Architects Inc.](#)
- Dan Walker, [MBMA](#)

Nominations were submitted from across North America, with projects spanning manufacturing, retail, automotive, corporate, athletics and educational facilities.

"Bel-Con Design-Builders Ltd.'s SafeStart project was chosen for its notable attention to natural lighting by taking advantage of modern daylighting systems and incorporating a dramatic overhang," said Paul Deffenbaugh, *Metal Construction News*.

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SafeStart, the rapidly expanding business based in Belleville, Ontario, sought a new corporate facility to attract new employees, while also meeting the stringent building standards it required to serve as a safety training company.

“By integrating Butler wall systems, for exterior appeal and future expandability, with SunLite Strip daylighting systems, we built a bright, modern and attractive new office that SafeStart could leverage to recruit and accommodate top talent,” said Tom Gunsinger, co-owner of Bel-Con Design-Builders Ltd. “Providing visual preliminary building renderings helped ensure the building matched the customer’s vision and expectations.”

Honorable mentions were given to [Keystuct Construction, Inc.](#) for its work building a new fieldhouse for Mercersburg Academy and [Nor-Son, Inc.](#) for the contemporary office building it constructed for Avantech.

About Butler Manufacturing™

Butler Manufacturing™ provides a comprehensive combination of design-build construction solutions and innovative building technology to the nonresidential market. Every Butler® building solution is backed by unrivaled research and testing, ensuring that Butler building systems perform to the highest standards. Through a network of more than 1,400 Butler Builder® dealers worldwide and corporate accounts services, Butler addresses the demand for environmentally friendly and energy-efficient design in community, commercial and industrial buildings. Butler is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, and is a division of BlueScope Buildings North America, Inc. For more information, visit www.butlermfg.com.

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