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NCI Building Systems breaks into 2013 InformationWeek 500 List with new mobile application

Steel construction manufacturer honored as a top technology innovator

HOUSTON (September 9, 2013)– NCI Building Systems celebrates its recognition in this year’s InformationWeek 500 – a list of the top technology innovators in the U.S. InformationWeek tracks the technology, strategies, investments and administrative practices of some of the best-known organizations in the country and this year, the steel building manufacturer is spotlighted for its latest advancement in the technology sector.

The accolade results from a new, mobile application developed specifically for builders and contractors. Designed and produced by Star Building Systems, a company within the NCI family, Star Builder Mobile App was built to create efficiencies for builders while on job sites.

Star Builder App connects remotely to NCI’s backend servers to provide up-to-the-minute information to its users. It allows operators to check a building’s status and schedule, view specific subassemblies of building parts, and quickly connect to a sales representative. Since most of a builder’s time is spent out in the field with subcontractors, a mobile platform is a significant value-add. If, for example, a contractor needs to know the exact dimensions for part of a building or any important project specifications in real-time, Star Builder App can make all of this information instantly available.

“We are proud to be included in this year’s InformationWeek 500 list and recognized as an IT innovator for the building industry,” said Eric Brown, executive vice president and CIO at NCI Building Systems. “We truly believe the app will help streamline our business at Star Building Systems and we hope to be able to adopt a similar technology for our other brands beginning in 2014.”

After one year of development, the Star Builder App is both Apple and Android compatible and is available for download free of charge. Since the launch in June, the app has been downloaded more than 500 times and has already received numerous positive reviews from users in the construction industry.

"The theme of this year's InformationWeek 500 is digital business," said InformationWeek Editor-in-Chief Rob Preston. "It's a movement, rooted in data analytics, mobile computing, social networking and other customer-focused technologies that are turning companies and industries on their ear. Every enterprise is now a digital business—or needs to become one fast. The organizations in our ranking are leading the way."

The InformationWeek 500 is only the most recent example of NCI Building Systems' recognition as an IT innovator: the company was also honored in Computerworld's Premier 100 IT Leaders in 2012.

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About NCI Building Systems

NCI Building Systems, Inc. (NYSE: NCS) is one of the nation's largest integrated manufacturers and marketers of metal coatings, components and buildings for nonresidential construction in North America. NCI is comprised of 20 brands operating 38 manufacturing facilities across the United States and Mexico, with additional sales and distribution offices throughout the U.S. and Canada. For more information visit ncigroup.com.

About InformationWeek500

The InformationWeek 500 listing identifies and honors the nation's most innovative users of information technology, which are unique criteria among corporate rankings. Additional details on the InformationWeek 500 can be found online at www.informationweek.com/iw500/.