Protecting Our Most Precious Resources

Among the most troubling news stories we hear today are those about the devastation caused on school campuses by guns. Whether brought to school by a student or an outsider, the havoc reeked on what we view as sacred ground is tragic. While government leaders try to find solutions to prevent further tragedy, schools across the country are reassessing their security measures and moving safety-related projects to the top of their priority lists.

Not only are schools controlling access to grounds and buildings during school hours, many are turning to around-the-clock monitoring, identification and background checks, metal detectors and technology sweeps. While certain practices such as locked or monitored doors are intended to limit or control access to school campuses, others such as metal detectors and security cameras are intended to monitor or restrict students’ and visitors’ behavior on campus.

Protecting students and their teachers is a paramount concern.

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Because each security element added to a school facility is an extra deterrent to someone intending to cause harm, schools across the country are turning to ezIQC, the easy and efficient alternative for buying on-call facility repair and alteration construction services, for completion of their security projects.

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Raise the Roof with ezIQC

Addressing your facility’s roofing needs has never been easier than with ezIQC. Known for bringing convenience and affordability to general repairs and alteration projects, ezIQC now brings the same time and money savings to the “top” of your facility. Having access to a broad network of on call contractors through well-respected co-operative purchasing networks assures ezIQC clients the benefit of cost savings and efficient installation.

In January, our offerings for roofing and general repairs and alterations expanded by extending specialty roofing contracts, similar to the Emergency Mitigation services we offer. Along with the National Joint Powers Alliance®, we have coupled specialized roofing contractor quality with a wide range of roofing material offerings from most major manufacturers. Many of the competitive co-op roofing contracts that preceded our partnership with NJPA® used the materials of a single manufacturer, creating a limited and costly process for the client. Not anymore with expanded ezIQC roofing services.

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Atlanta Area School for the Deaf (AASD) in Clarkston, GA is devoted to providing comprehensive instructional services for preschool through high school students who are deaf. Identified as top priority, and based on recommendations from security experts that classroom doors open inward and lock from the inside, a complete change out of doors and all locks was undertaken. The Joint Scope Meeting with the contractor, facility representative and local ezIQC project manager was held in January and the Purchase Order was issued on March 8, 2012. Reserved for summer when campus traffic would be at its lowest, the project was completed in June. Three exterior sets of doors were removed and replaced in the gymnasium and 185 door cylinder locks were replaced. Students and staff returned to a safer AASD facility to begin the new school year.

In 2011, Georgia Academy for the Blind in Macon, GA, a multi-building campus located on 30 acres, installed 54 hi-tech security cameras. The Purchase Order for this project was issued 12 days after the Joint Scope Meeting, with construction occurring during the two-month period between mid-November and mid-January. This ezIQC client was so happy that they moved forward with phase two, installing an additional 39 security cameras in live-in cottages, food service areas, the gymnasium, pool and locker rooms. The hi-tech camera systems include digital video recorders with remote controllers and DVR software. Before beginning both installation phases, the contractor conducted background checks on every employee being granted access to the work site.

Many schools will use summer break to increase security and safety for students and staff in 2013. Among the projects are electronic door locks, security cameras and card reader installations, as well as exterior door replacements, and vestibule construction where school admittance is heavily controlled. Tredyffrin/Easttown School District in PA will have two ezIQC projects completed throughout the district when students return for the beginning of the new school year. Ballistic film will be installed over front entrance windows at eight schools and one administrative office, and panic buttons will be installed at all schools in the district. Providing another layer of protection to staff and students inside the school, ballistic film acts as a shield of protection against weapons, natural disasters, explosions, and breaking and entering through windows.

Keeping our most precious resources out of harm’s way while in school – ezIQC and school districts across the nation.

Get started on your summer repairs by entering your projects into www.ezIQC.com.

### Beyond Fast: How to Save Money with Co-op JOC

Download the whitepaper, “Beyond Fast: How to Save Money with Co-op JOC” at [http://eziqc.egordian.com/coast/](http://eziqc.egordian.com/coast/) and learn how about:

- How lower adjustment factors may lead to higher end costs
- Which co-op JOC method helps eliminate misunderstandings by fostering a collaborative relationship
- How estimating guides may hinder cost savings
Honoring our Veterans

Each year, on Memorial Day, we are reminded of the great sacrifices that the men and women veterans of the Armed Services have made to defend our way of life. In honor of their service and sacrifice, the ezIQC spotlight shines on a project that is benefiting a group of our country’s veterans.

Approximately one and a half years ago, the Arizona Department of Veterans’ Services built a new home in Tucson to be used as a veterans’ skilled nursing facility. Consisting of five buildings which can house 120 residents, the facility sits adjacent to the Veterans Affairs Hospital servicing all of southern Arizona. Because of the heavy traffic flow in and out of the hospital and at the intersection where it is located, the Department of Veterans’ Services decided to erect a fence that would completely enclose the care facility property in order to provide a safer and more private environment for the veterans in residence.

After being contacted by the state agency, Jo Medelman, local ezIQC project manager, visited the site and explained how the ezIQC process would help them accomplish their goal. Though the contractor selected for the job was the same general contractor used for building the facility, this was the first time ezIQC was used for a Department of Veterans’ Services project.

“It was a natural fit to go with ezIQC,” said Robert Ryan, Procurement Specialist for the Department of Veterans’ Services. “The project went smoothly. We were on budget and on time. We knew what the costs would be. It was probably one of the easiest contracts I’ve been involved in.” After the fence and automatic gates were successfully installed, there was still funding available for use at the facility. The agency was so happy with its first experience that it turned to ezIQC again when a patio roof was created for the use and enjoyment of the residents. Ryan said, “We’re planning on using ezIQC more in the future, and we’re also looking forward to the savings it produces.”

EVENTS

Below are several events that may be of interest to you. For more details, please check with the event host (please note that URLs are case sensitive).

**MAY**
GAPPA Annual Conference
May 25-29, 2013
Jekyll Island, GA
www.gappa.org

**JUNE**
NAHRO Managing Maintenance Seminar
June 5-7, 2013
Augusta, GA
http://goo.gl/qNRwT

NASFA 2013 National Conference & Expo
Don’t miss the presentation “Project Delivery Breakthroughs for Improving Energy Efficiency”
June 9-12, 2013
San Diego, CA
http://goo.gl/TQX3m

TASBO Summer Conference
Scott Creekmore will be presenting “Is Your JOC Program Audit Worthy?”
June 13-14, 2013
Kerrville, TX
http://goo.gl/Z1qIC

NAPM TX Summer Session Conference
June 26-28, 2013
South Padre Island, TX
http://goo.gl/SpXoD

**JULY**
AASBO Annual Summer Conference
July 17-20, 2013
Tucson, AZ
http://goo.gl/N9u1Q

*Please note:* While every effort has been made to provide accurate information, please check with the event host to confirm details.
How do you get started?

1. Go to www.ezIQC.com
2. Enter your name, contact information and project description
3. An ezIQC representative will contact you and walk you through the process

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The number of states in which facility owners can now address roofing needs via the ezIQC process has nearly doubled. Now, ezIQC is raising the roof in 33 states across the country, with more expected in the future. According to Clint Owings, ezIQC National Product Manager, “With ezIQC working for you, protecting your business with a quality roof is getting easier, faster and more affordable. It’s not the only option, but it is the best one.”

Visit www.ezIQC.com/Roofing to learn more and get started on your next roofing project today.

Quotables

“Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on Earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude.”

– Thomas Jefferson

“Operator, give me the number for 911!”

– Homer Simpson