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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

WILLING & CAPABLE



We have amazing capacity as individuals, as a company and as a society. That capacity is being tested in this current public health crisis caused by COVID-19, and we're truly finding out what we're capable of. Working remotely. Upending our routines. Video conference meetings. Adherence to strict protocols. Happy hours via Zoom or Skype. You know them all too well by now. We are all learning what we're capable of – learning, adapting and modifying our routines, etc. I suspect that if we look back to a few months ago, we are all surprised at how much of this change we have been able to tolerate so far.

We have always had this capacity. My observation is that this current crisis is giving us the *will* to find it. Where does this will come from? It comes from not wanting to get sick or not wanting get someone else sick. It comes from acting in the greater good (i.e., "flattening the curve"). It comes from wanting to keep busy for our health and to keep some degree of normalcy. In my view, the sources of this will are fear, social consciousness, respect for others, love, and desire to contribute. Without this will, we are not likely to find our capacity. Stated differently, our will pushes us to new limits in times like this. While this is no way to live day in and day out, we are learning that, for a while, there is little we can do. We are capable.

While this capacity revelation is powerful, how do we find the will once this is all behind us, and take full advantage of it? Now that we know we can, will we? There are many examples of stretching that may benefit us..

Will we eat better? Will we move more? Will we get more sleep? Will we love more? Will we judge less? Will we keep learning? Will we be more grateful? Will we express it? Will we look at change in the work realm and make it happen joyfully, or will we make excuses about it being new, hard, uncomfortable, not the way it used to be, etc? Will we look for ways to say yes or will we default to the comfort of no? Will we initiate learning and growth or just wait for someone to tell us what to do? Will we always seek to add value or wait patiently for it to find us?

COVID-19 is teaching us a lot. That is not a question. The question is, what are we learning? We are certainly capable of coming through this knowing that we can make positive change and growth. Will we?



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ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS IMPROVE SPACE AT GILBERT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

In April 2018, voters in the Gilbert Community School District voted to approve a \$14 million bond issue that the District would spend on additions and upgrades at its four buildings.

Gilbert's elementary school received mechanical and electrical upgrades, along with temperature controlled renovations throughout the building. Eight classrooms at the intermediate building were renovated with new carpet, ceilings and paint, in addition to HVAC and control upgrades.

At the middle school, a multipurpose room addition provided a new activities entrance and is available for wrestling practice and other physical education activities. The new entrance will allow sporting event patrons direct access to the gym without having to enter through the school's main entrance. Another addition features four classrooms to provide additional academic space and lockers.

Gilbert High School's building received three additions – a band room addition and renovation, a two-story classroom addition that features two general use classrooms and a new art room, and a testing kitchen addition. The band room addition and renovations doubled the size of the original band room to accommodate growing participation in band. Expansion of the vocational technology area tripled the size of their existing space, and the existing art rooms were transformed to a new science classroom.

"I found working with Story Construction to be an incredibly positive experience," noted Lindsey Beecher, Superintendent for the Gilbert Community School District. "I completely trusted their construction management system and I knew they cared about the outcome of the project as much as we did."

CLIENT

Gilbert Community School District

DELIVERY METHOD

Construction Manager

ARCHITECT

Haila Architecture + Structure + Planning

PROJECT MANAGER

Adam Papesh

PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT

Charlie Harris; Darren Milliken

PROJECT SIZE

46,500 total sq. ft.

DATE COMPLETED

January 2020



IOWA SPRING MANUFACTURING WAREHOUSE ADDITION COMPLETED

Iowa Spring, located in Adel, IA, engineers, manufactures and delivers springs for the overhead garage door, ag equipment, construction equipment and trailer industries, among others.

As Iowa Spring began the process of purchasing additional equipment that would take up a portion of their current warehouse, they engaged with Story's design team about building an addition to their facility to give them more space. The company was also experiencing consistent flooding issues in 2019, so they decided the time was right to move forward with the addition and the renovation to parking and site drainage.

The addition to the building's northeast corner of the building was a 12,000 sq. ft. NUCOR pre-engineered building with 2 semi loading docks that connected directly to the existing building. 45,000 sq. ft. of new and renovated paving accompanied the addition in order to redirect or restrict the flow of rainwater from higher elevations directly into Iowa Spring's front entrance.



CLIENT

Iowa Spring Manufacturing

DELIVERY METHOD

Design+Build

ARCHITECT

Story Design

PROJECT MANAGER

Adam Papesh

PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT

Joe Christensen

PROJECT SIZE

12,084 sq. ft.

DATE COMPLETED

January 2020

CLIENT

Eurofins Scientific

DELIVERY METHOD

General Contractor

ARCHITECT

RS&H

PROJECT MANAGER

Clint Jensen

PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT

Jim Voss

DATE COMPLETED

December 2019

AIR HANDLER REPLACEMENT COMPLETED AT EUROFINS SCIENTIFIC

Located in Europe but with over 800 labs throughout 47 countries, Eurofins Scientific is a biotechnology company focused on testing and analyzing biological substances. Its Des Moines lab is especially focused on analyzing the nutritional content of feed, commodities, pet food, human food and dietary supplements.

Eurofins' Des Moines lab was experiencing issues with negative air pressure in their building due to laboratory fume hoods, which caused an influx in outside air whenever doors to the building were opened. A larger air handler unit was required to equalize the indoor and outdoor pressure of the building.

Eurofins hired Story Construction to be the general contractor to handle the demolition of walls and ceilings, pouring of footings, and erection of structural steel through the existing ceiling and roof of the building to support the larger air handling unit.



"Though this project was relatively small, there were a lot of moving parts and we had to temporarily give up space to construction activities," said Brad Eggers with Eurofins. "Story Construction did an excellent job making sure the disruption was minimal and the transition was smooth."

EMPLOYEE PROFILE

KRIS PRUISMANN, EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT MANAGER



Kris Pruismann, Employee Development Manager at Story Construction, is a native of Kamrar, IA, where she grew up on a farm north of town. She graduated from Northeast Hamilton High School and what was then known as Hawkeye Institute of Technology.

"What I like about my job and the field that I'm in is that it centers around people. The nuance of balancing the company's needs from a business prospective and the employee's needs brings some unique complexities to HR and employee development. It's exciting and challenging!"

Kris spent 18 years with Iowa State University as the Director of Human Resources and Training for Facilities Planning & Management. She joined the Story team in March 2019 and oversees human resources, recruiting, training and safety functions. "I think the commitment Story makes to personal and professional development is unique to this industry. This really allows me to thrive in my

wheelhouse, and we have a great opportunity going forward to serve our employees, our clients and the industry in general with what we do here. Plus, I like to have fun, and we never seem to be short on fun!" Kris has been married for 33 years and has three kids, aged 32, 30, 27; and 5 grandchildren. She and her husband reside on an acreage just north of Stratford, IA.

Thanks for your hard work, Kris!



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