

## LEED COUNCIL FOCUSES ON A MEMBER: PRAIRIE MATERIAL SALES, INC.

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In 1948, John and Angie Oremus founded a coal and aggregate company that was dedicated to giving their customers the best in quality and service. That one truck company has grown into Prairie Material Sales, Inc. (Prairie), one of the largest family owned and operated building material suppliers in the region. The founding premise of better quality and service remains unchanged today and continues to be our objective as we grow into the future.



Prairie has continued to grow and has evolved into an innovative company, constantly looking to improve its product and service capabilities. They continue to succeed in a market where the customers are challenging suppliers to keep up with the new, more efficient technologies and placement techniques. They enjoy developing new products that will benefit their customers and increase their demand in the marketplace.

Prairie is more than just a material supplier – it is a business partner. The sales staff, technical service teams, customer service reps, order takers, dispatchers and drivers at Prairie work closely with customers at all stages of a project to meet their specifications, support their schedules and provide creative solutions to their challenges.

Each time you view the city's skyline, the majority of the concrete used to build those structures was supplied by the facility Prairie operates at the NW corner of Chicago and Halsted, which was acquired in 1994. This facility plays a vital role in the ongoing construction projects that continuously address the residential, commercial and transportation needs of the City of Chicago . Current major projects such as the Trump Tower , 50 East Chestnut and portions of the Dan Ryan Expressway are currently being supplied from this location daily. It is a fact that you can see Prairie trucks throughout the city of Chicago .



Three of the four Prairie ready mix facilities that are located within the city's Planned Manufacturing Districts. The volume of material taken by barge at the NW corner of Chicago and Halsted located in the Elston Corridor alone can be the equivalent of 900 to 1000 truck loads of material each week, and supports the plants ability to ship 1200 to 1500 truck loads of concrete to contractors each week. The use of



local waterways in this fashion is not only more economical, but also protects the City's infrastructure.

Prairie is a strong supporter of the PMD (Planned Manufacturing District) ordinance and has worked with the LEED Council on planning and review of plans for the Chicago Paperboard site. Also, Prairie has participated in outreach efforts to improve the area and to address traffic and safety concerns of neighbors and others including groups like the Neighbors of River West.

Thank you Prairie for being a supporter and may we continue to see your trucks throughout the city!