

Discovering Local Builder, Desert Star Construction

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In 1978, Desert Star Construction was born. This family-owned construction company has built its way up in the Valley ever since.



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In those three decades, President Jerry Meek and Desert Star Construction have gained the attention of respected clientele including local leaders, professional athletes, and Fortune 500 company presidents. Desert Star Construction's unique approach begins with listening. *"Our work is personal for us and for our clients, so understanding our customers' needs and desires is our top priority,"* says Jerry. The company looks to really understand and turn a client's vision into reality - committing fully to each project with a "whatever it takes" attitude and always looking for ways they can go the extra mile to serve their clients.



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As Desert Star Construction began, it was a basic construction and remodel company; it has since evolved into an award-winning commodity, completing luxurious custom home and commercial projects with huge success. *"We've built our business on relationships, workmanship, and integrity,"* says Jerry, *"and our clients have responded. They've helped us build this business on their kind referrals."* At Desert Star Construction, they refer to themselves as Team DSC® and clients, subcontractors, and vendors alike are all considered members within that cohesive unit. Desert Star Construction sets the tone by consistently showing their efficiency, accuracy, trust and transparency and those around them respond in kind. They build their team with only the most skilled, knowledgeable, professional, and hard-working individuals - all specialists in their field and dedicated to excellence. It is no wonder why the company has thrived for over three decades and continues to produce the highest quality work.



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Desert Star Construction also prides itself on being a member of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and making sustainable living a standard it maintains. The company has partnered with experts in this field to assure that every project is efficient and meets the individual's needs. As Jerry puts it, *"We build green so our clients can live green."* Desert Star Construction was among one of the first home builders to use LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), which is a rating system administered by the USGBC that provides third party verification of green building practices. They were also the first in Arizona to employ a LEED for Homes Accredited Professional. This practice of prioritizing sustainable building has led Desert Star Construction to set industry records, including the first LEED Certified, Gold, and Platinum buildings in Paradise Valley, as they continue to raise the bar in the green building initiative.



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The work of Team DSC® has not gone unnoticed, having been published in more than 30 books and magazines. Desert Star Construction has earned honors such as multiple Gold Nugget Awards, Southwest Contractor Best of 2010 and NAHB Custom Home of the Year. Among those awards that attest to the quality and beauty of what this company creates, other awards worth noting are the 2010 Heart of Business Award and 2011 Gold Nugget Award for Community Spirit. Desert Star Construction received these honors due to their service with organizations such as the Arizona Science Center and the renovation and remodel projects they have completed through their ongoing relationship with the Phoenix Dream Center.

It sounds like it all goes back to their mission statement – *“To construct unique and innovative projects with passion and integrity, while building quality relationships.”*

For more information on Desert Star Construction visit: www.desertstarconstruction.com.