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St. Louis Architectural Firm Designs Energy-Efficient Slab Foundation for Own Headquarters with EnergyEdge™ Slab-Edge Insulation System

(Valley Forge, Pa.) – EnergyEdge™ slab-edge insulation system from North American Specialty Products is playing a key role in the sustainable design of St. Louis architectural firm Schaub + Srote Architects' new headquarters. When designing the facility, the firm was looking for high-performance building products that would help meet the stringent energy efficiency requirements of the ENERGY STAR® 3.0 standard.

Impressed by a presentation from an EnergyEdge representative, the firm specified the product for its ability to make slab foundations more energy-efficient.

“Our focus is on designing high-efficiency, high-performance homes and buildings, and EnergyEdge looked like a good fit for our headquarters,” says David J. Schaub, AIA, CGP, principal of Schaub + Srote Architects. “We liked how the formwork stays in place after the floor slab is poured, which can reduce construction costs, and how it provides a thermal break between the floor slab and surrounding ground. We also saw this as an excellent opportunity to test out the product for future projects by having it installed in our own building and living with it firsthand.”

Foundation contractor Hoette Concrete, of Hazelwood, Mo., installed 160 lineal feet of

EnergyEdge to form and insulate the building's slab foundation. Working with the product for the first time, the contractor was able to install it easily finding it worked almost the same as wooden form work. The building was completed this past spring, meeting all of the ENERGY STAR 3.0 specifications.

“In addition to EnergyEdge, we specified high-performance windows, upgraded wall and roof insulation and used a new spray-applied building wrap,” Schaub says. “The building has remained very comfortable through the spring and summer, but winter is the real test. I believe we'll be happy with our decision this winter, though. We are already planning to educate our clients on the use of EnergyEdge and specify it on future projects.”

EnergyEdge is a high-performance slab-edge system that forms, insulates and protects the exterior face of a concrete slab foundation. The system consists of PVC lineals, snap-on braces and EPS insulation and provides a thermal resistance of R-10, meeting International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) requirements for slab insulation. Since the system remains in place after construction, there is no need for labor-intensive stripping and recovery of forming materials, which also reduces waste, hauling and landfill costs. The system contributes to ENERGY STAR ratings, LEED® points and NAHB Green Building Standards. For more information, go to eeform.com.

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