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White panels used for 'green' construction

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K2 Construction could have used six-inch studs and fiberglass insulation for Rayco's 5,350-square-foot building under way in west Boise, but the builder and client chose Koreteck wall panels instead.

Project general contractor K2 Construction, Boise, distributes and erects Koreteck panels. The panels consist of a galvanized steel core surrounded by PerformGuard expanded polystyrene insulation.

K2 Vice President Skip Wingfield and Rayco owner Scott Keyser said the system costs more than traditional construction initially, but that a building can be erected faster and the owner-occupant stands to pay less for energy in the long run.

Koreteck provides a complete building system as an alternative to traditional construction that requires coordinating multiple trades and steps, the company said in marketing materials.

The system can be used in either load-bearing or non-load-bearing applications, the Virginia-based company said.

The cavity-free panels are up to 18 feet high and can be stacked. Koreteck converts traditional blueprints to its configuration and delivers custom-manufactured components to the site.

Keyser said Rayco, a transportation brokerage that employs 11 full-time employees, plans to occupy its new building at 11560 W. President Drive by the end of the year. Rayco will market its adjacent 1,300-square-foot building for lease.

The new building will cost about \$700,000 including design services, he said.

Wingfield said K2 expects to do more Koreteck buildings. They offer a uniformity of materials quality, are quick to build and are energy-efficient, he said.

"You hear more and more about 'green' building, and this is a step in that direction," he said.

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