

Steel Construction Saves Time, Money

The benefits offered by steel construction have been amply demonstrated by Southern Roof Deck Applicators, Inc., of Birmingham, Ala., which recently completed its new 3,040 sq. ft. office building.

“Using Alabama Metal Industries 3 and 5/8 inch guage “C” studs and 7 and 1/4 inch 14 gauge super ‘S-C joists,’ we raised our walls in a day and a half and the entire building was finished in five weeks,” stated Jack C. Ganus, partner with Howard Ayeres in the business they bought two years ago.

“We have found that the light framing systems and joists save

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New 3,040 square foot office building of Southern Roof Deck Applicators, Inc., completed in only 5 weeks, is nestled among Alabama Pines in Pleasant Grove, near Birmingham, Ala.



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substantially in money and time which gives us a definite competitive edge. We are using this system on most new buildings. One recent structure utilizing this system was a 55,000 sq.ft. hospital," continued Ganus.

The only wood used in the entire structure was plywood base on the mansard roof to attach the shingles. The exterior finish is epoxy and aggregate. The interior walls are acoustical dry wall, vinyl covered gypsum. Built on a cement slab, the entire office is carpeted and beautifully decorated.

The design, architecture, engineering and construction was done by Southern.

Ganus and his partner also contract for drywall, acoustics, light weight concrete and cellular floor fill.

Both partners had extensive experience in the building industry before coming together two years ago.

Southern, operating in five South-

With AMICO light steel framing and joists, Southern owners were able to raise walls of their new office building in only one and one-half days.



eastern states, did more than \$300,000 its first year in business and project total sales in excess of \$2,000,000 during the third year of operation.

"Our business continues to grow and with the economic indications showing a turn around in building starts we are very optimistic about the future," said Ganus.