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VA Hospital in Fayetteville, Arkansas and Ft. Polk, Louisiana's Child Development Center choose Wellbilt Internationals' Sure- Board Wall Panel to meet governmental 'Blast Resistance' criteria.

*Sure-Board Wall Panel's 'Blast Resistance' growth continues in governmental projects.*

**Miami, FL** – Wellbilt International, a pioneer in the world of commercial architecture and building materials, has been awarded a role in the development of the VA Hospital in Fayetteville, Arkansas and the Child Development Center in Ft. Polk, Louisiana. Wellbilt International [www.wellbiltinternational.com](http://www.wellbiltinternational.com) is minority-woman owned and operated. Alina Van Katwyk, President of Wellbilt International, has discovered a niche in the government sector where her company is needed. Sure-Board, WellBilt's flagship product, on Light Gauge Steel Framing may be used to meet construction criteria for: Progressive Collapse, Blast, Ballistic, High Shear and High Impact.

Continually meeting construction 'blast' resistances by US governmental standards, Wellbilt International's Sure-Board Wall-Panels have been successfully installed throughout the US. Originally tested and designed for High Shear and High Impact standards for Hurricane and Earthquake building requirements, the architectural and engineering communities have now also incorporated Sure-Board for 'blast' designs. Sure-Board 'blast' designs have been used to build or enhance VA Hospitals, State Court Houses, and educational buildings.

"We are pleased to be accepted by the governmental blast-design experts", stated Alina Van Katwyk, President of Wellbilt International. The VA Hospital in Fayetteville, Arkansas and recently, a Child Development Center in Ft. Polk, Louisiana, recognized Sure-Board's blast resistance benefits include ease of installation and light-weight properties. "Sure-Board's uses of 'Made in USA' recycled/recyclable materials, make it attractive for LEED certification", commented James Moore of Borrelli + Architects [www.borreliiarchitects.com](http://www.borreliiarchitects.com). "Engineering blast designs with Sure-Board is facilitated by the tested data and traditional materials used", stated Hasan Arouri, Principal from TLC Engineering for Architecture [www.tlc-engineers.com](http://www.tlc-engineers.com). Hasan Arouri has engineered Sure-Board Blast for various interior hardening of existing buildings as well as exterior walls in new blast-resistant construction. Additionally, general contractors embrace the speed of installation with minimal labor of Sure-Board Blast pre-engineered wall panels, witnessed by Don Forino, VP of J2-Engineering [www.j2-eng.com](http://www.j2-eng.com). For additional information on Wellbilt International's Sure-Board BLAST products, please contact Alina Van Katwyk @ 305-884-8020.

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