



# Southside Constructors, Inc. Gets a Unanimous Vote From Choice USA

*Soft drink manufacturer picks General Contractor to build maintenance facility*

*The building interior of the maintenance facility (right) consists mainly of a large open area within the pre-engineered structure where Choice's fleet of trucks may be serviced and repaired. The completion of Choice USA's maintenance facility in Gastonia, North Carolina (below) was just drawing to a close in November 2001.*



Choice USA Beverage, Inc., the multi-million dollar soft drink corporation, needed a facility where employees in the Gastonia, North Carolina plant could easily service the company's regional fleet of delivery trucks at their convenience. To tackle this very important project, Choice USA selected Southside Constructors, Inc. to serve as general contractor for the construction of the 6,500 SF pre-engineered metal building in addition to preparing the two and one-half acre site to meet all applicable federal, state, and local requirements. Southside also employed its in-house masonry crews to complete the building's brick wainscot veneer. Ironically, in the end, Southside constructed a maintenance facility for Choice USA that is itself virtually maintenance free. Southside was able to accomplish this task by utilizing fiberglass reinforced panels in the restroom and break room areas, incorporating a forty-foot concrete pit centrally located in the facility for lube services and truck overhauls, and a heavy-duty epoxy flooring system for easy cleaning and durability.



The project scope included:

- 2.5 acre sitework package including grading, curbing, and paving with heavy-duty asphalt
- Pre-engineered metal structure with masonry wainscot veneer
- Six (6) dock bays
- Forty-foot lube pit with personnel access
- Epoxy flooring system
- Metal halide lighting system
- Air exchange ventilation system
- Restroom and office facilities

**Owner:**  
David Thomas  
Choice USA Beverage, Inc.

**Services Provided:**  
Site Work  
General Construction

**Completion Date:**  
2001

**Area:**  
6,500 SF

**Construction Cost:**  
\$400,000

