**Industrial Maintenance Services Inc.**

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**Snapshot:** Industrial Maintenance Services is an engineering contractor that also installs, repairs and maintains industrial equipment for clients. Providing both general contracting and repair and maintenance services buffers IMS from economic slowdowns.

**Broad Capabilities:** With its staff of engineers and contractors, IMS can take on a variety of projects for companies that range from mines in the Upper Peninsula wilderness to paper manufacturers in metro areas.

**Passing the Government Test:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Coast Guard have issued outstanding ratings for IMS projects. As a result of work it completed in Michigan in 2003, the firm was one of just three contractors in the eastern United States that earned the Coast Guard’s highest recognition.

**Spreading Its Wings:** After building a diverse customer base in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, the company opened a northern Minnesota office in 2006 to broaden its presence in the upper Midwest.

**In Contact in the Wilderness:** When crews are on location, wireless Internet service is used where there’s a cellular signal. But in the remote Upper Peninsula wilderness, crews rely on satellite phones and digital satellite Internet service to be in contact with managers for problem solving and safety management.

**Investing in Safety:** IMS takes a proactive approach to comply with rules set by governmental agencies, such as the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. In 2004 the company hired a full-time safety director and has developed training programs and safety policies.

**Visible Community Presence:** When a local school needed to address safety concerns on its playground, IMS donated use of its equipment to improve the site. The company also sponsors a $2,000 annual scholarship to support a student at a local trade school.