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## Restaurants have an appetite for SIPs: Commercial Spotlight — under 10,000 sq. ft.

### Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen

Janesville, Wisconsin

(A 2017 SIPA Building Excellence Awards contender)

**Total conditioned space:** 3,253 sq. ft.

**Built by:** Ultimate Construction, Inc., Cottage Grove, Wisconsin

Two weeks of construction time were saved by employing a SIP envelope. Observers around the site were amazed at how quickly the building went up and enjoyed seeing the SIP panels assembled, many seeing SIP construction for the first time.

Facilitating application of interior and exterior finishes and because the walls of the kitchen area required OSB, the OSB SIP panels fit the requirement perfectly, saving time and labor. SIPs were installed as parapet walls using a crane, saving on labor and materials with the added benefit of making this feature of the building more structurally sound.

This entire project was completed in only 70 days from setting panels to occupancy. The crew found it interesting to be faced with the necessity of educating the city inspector on most aspects of SIP installation.



### Taco John's

Little Canada, Minnesota

(A 2017 SIPA Building Excellence Awards contender)

**Total conditioned space:** 3,900 sq. ft.

**Built by:** Nottingham Construction, Stillwater, Minnesota

This project required efficiency in long-term energy costs and reduced construction labor and material costs. Using SIPs achieved all objectives and more, including ease of installation and speedy overall construction time. SIPs facilitated meeting a very compressed construction timeline. This was the teardown and replacement of an older Taco John's, so downtime was a critical economic factor.

SIPs saved time, provided a lower energy cost as compared to traditional methods and saved on labor. The favorable STC ratings provided by the SIP construction were important at this location due to high volumes of vehicle traffic and the desire for a quiet dining atmosphere.



## Benihana Restaurant

Downey, California

(A 2017 SIPA Building Excellence Awards contender)

**Total conditioned space:** 9,000 sq. ft.

**Built by:** Shawmut Construction, Los Angeles, California



With significant time savings, a seven-man crew plus a crane erected the structure in 11 days of actual SIP install allowing for just 13 days for full dry-in.

SIPs are a relatively new construction method for this area. The project benefited greatly by involving a local engineer who was crucial in reducing the amount of steel and other structural elements during a significant redesign and helped push changes through the rigorous Los Angeles building code, permit, and inspection process.

**Another SIP-built Benihana restaurant** is currently under construction in West Boca Raton, Florida.



**Total conditioned space:** 8,060 sq. ft.

The Benihana located at the Festival Shoppes of Boca Raton, a 37-acre mixed-use development at the southeast corner of Glades Road and U.S. 441, will be the Asian-themed chain's sixth South Florida restaurant. This newest location will be opening in the Fall of 2017 and is their second SIPs structure as the chain looks to the future in planning energy-efficient facilities.