A History of Engineered Growth
Selected highlights from more than six decades of R.E. Warner history, including some of our most significant milestones and groundbreaking projects.

1951 Robert E. Warner, a Mechanical Engineer establishes Warner Engineering Company with first office located on the 4th floor of the Broadway Building in Lorain, Ohio.

1956 Converted to R.E. Warner & Associates, a Business Trust.

1961 Addition of other engineering disciplines grows client list to include Colorado Fuel & Iron in Pueblo, Colorado, McLouth Steel in Detroit, and Republic Steel in Cleveland.

1966 Company moves from Broadway Building to Engineers Office Building located at 2130 West Park Dr. in Lorain, Ohio.

1970 Environmental division established to diversify and grow company.

1972 Bob Warner retired as President & Chairman of R.E. Warner and Jack Ochaa became R.E. Warner’s Second President & Chairman.

1978 Completed $80 Million CF&I Rail Mill Modernization

1981 Vince Traina was elected R.E. Warner’s third President & Chairman.

1982 Began diversification into chemical process, manufacturing, commercial & governmental markets.

1985 Completed $120 Million CF&I Tube Mill.

1986 Signed 5-year Contract with NASA Lewis Research Center.

1987 R.E. Warner moves from Lorain to Gemini Towers II in Westlake.

1989 Completed first projects for Honda of America Manufacturing, Marysville, OH.

1990 Don Kliebe becomes R.E. Warner’s fourth President.


1994 Firm relocates to Three King James Park in Westlake.

1994 Board elects Dave Sminchak as R.E. Warner’s fifth President.

1995 Completed $6 Million project for SCM/Millennium Inorganic Chemicals – Wastewater collection, treatment & disposal for three plants.


1999 Received Certification of Registration ISO-9001 from SRI, Quality System Registrar.

2001 Awarded the largest ODOT design/build contract for third lane and bridge widening on I-90 in Lorain County with S.E. Johnson.

2001 Returned to Pueblo, CO for design and construction administration of a new electric arc furnace.

2003 Chosen by the City of Solon for QAVC & Resident construction administration for Aurora East & Pettibone Roads.

2003 Awarded major design contract by Ross Environmental to upgrade their facility to achieve MACT standards. Project receives ACEC Award.

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2004 Move to LaCentre, Westlake, OH.

2004 Selected to design a new state of the art service center in Westlake leading to the design of similar facilities.

2005 Redevelopment of Westgate Mall Project receives ACEC Award.

2005 Kicked off a one-year leadership development program for young professionals.

2005 Awarded contract for construction administration for design and construction of similar facilities.

2005 Board elects Dave Sminchak as R.E. Warner’s Sixth President.

2006 Obtained a contract with Ford Motor Company’s Cleveland Plant for installation of tube mill finishing equipment.

2007 Contract awarded for construction and installation of the world’s second micro steel mill.

2008 First Cuyahoga County Stimulus Project.

2011 Received first contract with NEORSD for design of their Easterly chemical storage and feed facility.

2012 Board elects Ted Beltavski as R.E. Warner’s sixth President.

2012 Design professional of a D/B team for a new ODOT Maintenance Facility, our eighth service center project.

2012 Awarded three year contract serving as A/E Alliance Partner for Ford Motor Company’s Cleveland facilities.

2013 Converted to R.E. Warner Inc., an Ohio corporation.

2013 Received an “A” rating from a third party contractor/vendor safety management rating system.

2013 Expanded structural inspection team.

2013 Awarded contract to expand two tubular production buildings for installation of tube mill finishing equipment.

2013 Contract award for new Aurora Road pump station for the Cleveland Division of Water.

2013 R.E. Warner named to the 2015 Zweig Group Best Multidiscipline Firm To Work For Again.


2014 Mentorship Matters Program Kicked-Off.

2014 1st Annual Open House Celebrates 65th Anniversary.

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2015 Contract award for construction and installation of the world’s second micro steel mill.

2016 Celebrate 65th Anniversary.