



## Premier Painting



Premier Painting is a Native American woman owned company with its main office located in Casper, Wyoming. The owner, Myrtle Riddle, came to Casper from the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota in 1992. To get her painting company going, she went door-to-door in one Casper housing development and offered to paint a house for \$400. Once there was a written agreement from four homeowners, Ms. Riddle went from paint company to paint company until Diamond Vogel agreed to give her a \$300 line of credit. The rest, as they say, is history.

To date, Premier Painting has painted Air Force Base buildings, restaurants, shopping centers, hospitals, schools, post offices, judge's chambers, juvenile detention facilities, highway bridges, water tanks and refineries. You can find her and my crews underwater - painting the Boysen Reservoir; suspended 400 feet in the air - painting power plant tanks; or hanging from a bridge 50 feet above the water - sandblasting and painting a bridge in Utah in preparation for the Olympics.

Premier Painting is an [8\(a\)](#) certified contractor as well as a [Disadvantaged Business Enterprise \(DBE\)](#) certified in Wyoming, Montana, South Dakota, Colorado, Utah and Arizona. They have also worked in Nebraska and New Mexico. Premier Painting's diversification efforts include wallpaper, vinyls, wall coverings, special graphics and designs, and additional decorating methods to keep up with the constantly changing architectural demands. They also perform all types of blasting - sand, soda ash, bead, etc. Premier's facility in Casper has in-shop blasting, painting and graphics.

Premier Painting employs approximately 10 employees during the winter and 20-25 employees during the summer. They have an on-going safety and training program and are very proud of their safety record.

The company's list of equipment includes many types of sandblasters and compressors, lead abatement safety equipment, manlifts of all types, scissor lifts, JLG's, boom trucks, cable spiders, etc. They are able to lease all additional equipment with 24 hour notice. Premier Painting carries \$1,000,000 liability insurance; \$2,000,000 umbrella insurance coverage; and \$1,000,000 bonding.

Premier Painting credits its success to the continued support of and by the DOT DBE Program and the [Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#) and the SBA Minority Enterprise Development Program. Without these programs, Premier Painting would not be consistently surpassing \$525,000 every year.

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