



Volunteers of America Comprehensive Sanction Center

The Volunteers of America Comprehensive Sanction Center renovation was successfully completed in April of this year. The 20,000 square foot building is capable of housing one hundred people. The renovation consists of office space, a fully operational kitchen, dining area, and men's and women's dormitories. The facility was flooded during Hurricane Katrina and required complete replacement of all of the drywall, flooring, ceilings, kitchen equipment, and electrical installations along with refurbishment of the HVAC, plumbing and sprinkler systems.

This was a fast-track project that began in mid-January of this year. Our project superintendent, Mr. Byron Champagne, did an excellent job of coordinating the work, which allowed us to complete the renovation ahead of schedule.

We would like to thank Mr. Alan Kohorst and Mr. Ed Bolger of Volunteers of America and the Architect, Mr. Dow Oliver for their assistance in making this project a success.

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AmSouth Bank (Two New Facilities)



AmSouth Bank - Chateau

F.H. Myers Construction Corp. is proud to have been selected to work with AmSouth Bank in bringing two new locations to our area.

The first location will be in Kenner near the entrance to Chateau Estates. The second facility will be on Manhattan Blvd., in Harvey, Louisiana, which will soon be surrounded by a fast growing community.

The Chateau Branch, when completed, will be a new 3,800 square foot facility. The Manhattan Branch will be a little larger, 5,300 square feet.

Both of these banks will be comprised of five drive-up lanes including an ATM, four teller stations, and a night deposit box. The exterior of the building will be finished with Arriscraft Block, Jenkins Menawa Modular Brick, and aluminum storefront glass systems at all entrances and windows.

The building foundation will be a pile supported slab. The structure will be structural steel, metal studs, and wood trusses. The interior of each bank will provide customers with a state of the art checkstand counter, as well as five new teller stations.

Currently, we are working on pouring the foundation at the Chateau Branch and driving piles at the Manhattan Branch. Both branches are scheduled for completion in November 2007.



AmSouth Bank - Manhattan Branch

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First English Lutheran Church



Construction of the new First English Lutheran Church on Cleary Avenue in Metairie is underway. The structural steel is being erected. The concrete slab was poured early in the second quarter of this year, with the pouring of several concrete decks scheduled to be completed in July.

Erection of the pre-finished glued-laminated timbers and metal stud framing are scheduled for the upcoming weeks. The exterior walls will consist of Arriscraft block, brick veneer, and cast stone.

This 11,000 square foot, multi-story building is scheduled for completion in December, 2007.



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Mary Queen of Peace



In the first week of May, we began the construction of a new church facility for Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Mandeville, Louisiana. This 15,000 square foot building will have a masonry exterior with decorative glass above the entrance and the altar. Porcelain tile flooring, fabric and wood wall coverings, and glass tile mosaics will be the featured finishes. A marble baptistery will be recessed into the floor. Custom fabricated Honduran mahogany stile and rail doors will greet the parishioners as they enter, and a stainless steel cross will grace the peak of the church.

We look forward to working with the Architect, Fauntleroy & Latham , Architects, their engineering team, Father Ronnie Calkins, and the entire Mary Queen of Peace Parish in the coming year.



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Guaranty Savings Bank



The total restoration of this 3,500 square foot, two-story financial institution is scheduled to be completed in June, 2007, and open for business in July.

Currently, the impact resistant, aluminum storefront glass system is being installed, as well as, all other exterior finishes. All roof work has been completed, including the metal roofing at the new drive-up and dormers above the new building entrance, which is now located on the buildings southeast corner.

The energizing of all building equipment and the installation of acoustical ceiling tiles and slate flooring is the key phase left to complete this restoration. This phase is scheduled to commence at the beginning of June.

A special thanks to everyone at Guaranty Savings Bank and Verges Rome Architects for this great opportunity to further the recovery efforts.



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Brinson Auto Sales



The renovation to the Brinson Company, a top-of-the-line auto parts wholesaler who specializes in foreign automobiles, will be completed in June 2007. When completed, this renovation will provide the Brinson Company with a new warehouse facility and a new customer service space to better serve their clients' needs.

This scheduled completion date will allow the employees of Brinson Company time to make the transition from their old facility to their new offices. Over the next few weeks, the employees of Brinson Company will be busy moving stock to the new warehouse.

It has been a pleasure working with the Owner, M. B. Properties of Harahan, who has been represented by Mr. Jay Schlotterer, Controller.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in making this project a success.

D. W. Rhodes Funeral Home



After a year of planning, design and coordination meetings, the renovation of the D. W. Rhodes Funeral Home located on Washington Avenue has started. The final contract documents will be completed in the next several weeks. Currently, we are removing and preserving the ornate plaster features for presentation on the new design.

This historic facility was formerly the Tivoli Movie Theater and contains many historical features. Interior and exterior demolition commenced during the week of June 4, 2007.

We welcome the opportunity to work with the Rhodes family and look forward to participating in furthering the recovery efforts of the inner city.

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Staying Ahead of Tomorrow



As we mentioned in our first quarter publication, our firm will celebrate its 20th Anniversary this July. This has caused me to reflect on the many changes in the construction industry over the past two decades.

We have experienced major technological advances and significant increases in the speed and methods of transferring information. The demands of clients to get their projects to the marketplace expediently, has required a change in our delivery systems. Twenty years ago, everyone talked about the "quality" of a product. In today's market, high quality is a given. If you do not produce a first class quality product, you will be eliminated from the marketplace.

The speed in which information flows from the project team members has increased tenfold. The vehicles used for transferring this information have also increased. All of our onsite supervisors are equipped with laptop computers, fax machines, Nextel voice and text messaging phones and digital cameras. Decades ago, if a problem in the field arose, we would write a letter to the Architect to explain the issue. A week later, we may have received a response. Today, we take a picture at the jobsite, load it on the computer and email it to the Architect. The problem is usually resolved before the day is over.

Today the work day starts with checking our email, voicemail and written correspondence. It is a far cry from the days when we waited on the mailman to deliver our messages or the phone to ring. We now communicate in three different venues, email, voicemail and text messaging. Our access to project team members is almost instantaneous. Everyone on the project team is in constant communication with each other.

Our internal systems and operations have also improved with technological advances to make us more efficient and productive. Upgrades to the bidding process have eliminated internal document reproductions. Many plans and specifications are provided in disc form. They can immediately be loaded into our computer system or at a local plan reproduction company for easy access by all vendors.

Many vendors can secure their quantity survey directly from the computer screen. If full size plans are required, copies can be made at the printer and delivered the same day. We have also continued to improve our method of communication with our subcontractors and vendors. The use of a local "Bid Caster" program allows us to email all bid invitations to all parties within minutes. Today, we are getting over 80% of our responses to our invitations from this form of communication. Ten years ago, we were trying to get vendors to buy a fax machine!

Managerial advancements allow us, through our Blackberry devices, to view schedules and emails anywhere. Our direct reports are able to get messages to us without any interruption in the work flow.

As we enter the 21st year, one can only wonder what advances will be available to us in the next twenty years. Many firms are rapidly moving to a "paperless" environment. All documents are scanned in and communication is totally managed through computers.

By the time you read this article, something else will have changed and another device will have been developed for our industry. It is our responsibility, as managers, to incorporate this technology and communication methods into our companies. The next generation represents the future talent in our industry. They will not only be seeking employment in firms that embrace this technological change, they will expect it. This young talent will be looking for the firms who understand the importance of having these tools.



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