

Two New Facilities for Regions Bank



Chateau Branch



Manhattan Branch

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Estimating 2008

From the President



This quarter, F.H. Myers Construction is proud to be responsible for the openings of two new banks in our region. When construction commenced, these projects were contracted to be AmSouth Banks. However, due to the merger that has taken place, they have opened as Regions Bank facilities.

The first of the two Regions to be completed was the Chateau Branch building, located near the main entrance to Chateau Estates and the busy intersection of West Esplanade and Chateau Boulevard. This 3,800 square foot banking facility was open and ready for business on Monday, November 19, 2007.

Three weeks later, on the 10th of December, the 5,300 square foot Manhattan Branch facility, which is located on Manhattan Boulevard in Harvey, Louisiana, was also opened with great success.

Both banks are comprised of five operational drive-up lanes including an ATM, four teller stations, and a night deposit box to fulfill all banking needs. The interior of the banks consists of five walk-up teller stations, as well as private aluminum storefront glass banking offices. Both building sites have a sizable parking lot for all banking customers and are surrounded by magnificent landscaping.

It was a great pleasure to work with Bill Lazenby of CB Richard Ellis and Jack Marshall of PKA Architects in making both of the projects a success for Regions Bank.

COMPLETED PROJECTS

St. Rita of Cascia Catholic Church



We are excited to announce that the St. Rita Church repairs, which began in July, are winding down. The major items in the renovation work included replacing the entire acoustical ceiling system, repainting the interior of the church, and replacing glass on the exterior of the building. The transformation of the church has been unbelievable, and we are honored to have contributed.

We would like to thank Mr. Greg Mascari of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, and all the subcontractors involved with the project for their tireless work. We would also like to thank Fr. Rick Day of St. Rita for not only being a pleasure to work with, but also for his taste in selecting the beautiful colors which have truly brought St. Rita to life.



St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church



We are pleased to announce that repairs to St. Joan of Arc Church are now complete. The renovation work started back in July and included roofing work, replacing the entire ceiling, plaster repairs, and a small amount of carpentry.

It was such a great pleasure working with everyone from the St. Joan of Arc Congregation, especially Fr. Anthony Bozeman and Mr. Kermit Rapp. Thank you to Mr. Greg Mascari of the Archdiocese of New Orleans and to all of our subcontractors for their hard work. We are thankful for the opportunity given to us to help return St. Joan of Arc to its former beauty.

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First English Lutheran Church



Currently, installation of Arriscraft block, brick veneer with cast stone copings, and classic bronze metal window frames with clear and low-e glass are being worked on at First English Lutheran Church and will be completed by the end of the month. Other completions for January include: copper gutters, downspouts, flashings, and underground utilities. Interior finishes such as painting, acoustical ceilings, quarry, ceramic, vinyl composition tile, stained concrete floors, doors, hardware, cabinets, formica and granite countertops, and millwork, including a wooden staircase, are in progress.

Other tasks that will commence in the beginning of 2008 include concrete paving, stamped concrete, carpet, and chain supported fixtures and wall sconces, which are all operated by a dimmer control system. The exterior lighting, which includes ground accent lighting, and the interior light fixtures, such as traditional church pendants, will also begin in early 2008.

This 11,000 square foot, multi-story building will be completed in the first quarter of 2008.



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Mary Queen of Peace Church



Over the last three months, Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church's site has certainly begun to take shape, even with the numerous weather delays experienced. The bulk of the site-work has now been performed, including the pouring of the remainder of the concrete paving and the placing of the associated underground storm drainage system. Most exciting of all, though, is the fact that the entire slab has been poured and is ready for the metal building to be delivered, which will happen in mid-January.

In the coming months, as Mary Queen of Peace becomes less of a vision and more of a reality, we at F.H. Myers Construction look forward to our continued work amongst the dedicated group involved with this project. We would like to thank Father Ronnie Calkins, Fauntleroy and Latham Architects, and the Archdiocese of New Orleans for their continued contributions to the project. They have truly been very helpful, as well as a pleasure to work with. We would also like to thank our subcontractors for all of their help and hard work. They are without a doubt the backbone of the project. And finally, we would like to thank Mr. David Perilloux, our Superintendent, for his tireless hard work in the field. He continues every day to show the high standards of quality and professionalism we hold ourselves to here at F.H. Myers Construction, and it does not go unnoticed.

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Woolf-Harris New Office/Warehouse Facility on the Northshore



We are at the mid-point of construction on the Woolf-Harris office/warehouse building in the Northshore Commercial Park. This project consists of a 14,000 square-foot warehouse building with an adjoining 6,000 square-foot office facility. F.H. Myers Construction is working in conjunction with REK Architects on this turnkey design-build project.

Currently, the steel for the office and warehouse buildings has been completely erected and only a small portion of the installation of the wall and roof panels on the warehouse remains. The exterior studs and sheathing system for the office building has been completed. The brick veneer and EIFS system installation on the office building has just begun. The interior framing inside the office building is 95% complete, and the electrical and mechanical rough-in in this area is ongoing.

Over the next couple months, we will complete the paving, landscaping, and exterior finishes on the facility. The installation of the drywall in the office will begin in mid-January along with the installation of the dock levelers and overhead doors in the warehouse. By February, we will be working on the interior finishes in the office building. We are currently on schedule to complete the project



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Visitation of Our Lady



Construction of a new 32,122 square-foot multipurpose building for the Visitation of Our Lady parish will commence in the first quarter of 2008. The exterior veneer will consist of masonry and metal

panels with a covered walkway rapping the building to help keep everyone out of the weather when heading to class.

The interior of the building will consist of eleven classrooms, three offices, a meeting room, six bathrooms, several multiple storage rooms, a fully equipped kitchen, and a gymnasium. The gymnasium, being the feature of the building, will include a full basketball court and two smaller courts compiling a total of six goals, along with the necessary equipment to convert the basketball court into a volleyball court.

A raised concrete platform, perfect for ceremonies, concerts, and theatrical performances, will be finished with vinyl flooring and located on the west side of the court. The platform will have its own storage area and dressing room with a sound/lighting booth. State of the art retractable bleachers will be located on the east side of the court.

We look forward to working with Argus Architecture and Engineering, Father Mike Ketterring, the building committee, and the entire Visitation of Our Lady parish in making his project a success.



Ryan Myers
Chief Estimator

Estimating Department A Year in Review



Tanya Orgeron
Assistant Estimator

Now into our third year, the estimating department is continuing to evolve and improve. Over the past few years, we have created a customized spreadsheet that organizes all aspects of each bid. Each line item of our estimate is linked to the Bid Sheet which is used on bid day. The Bid Sheet summarizes all components of a project into a condensed CSI format. We have also set up a standard schedule of values and job cost breakdown inside the spreadsheet that links all of the costs from an estimate automatically into a schedule of values and job cost breakdown. We can now complete the original job cost breakdown in about a third of the time. The schedule of values now takes about 15 minutes compared to 2 or 3 hours. By creating systems that are more efficient, we are allowing the project management team to focus on the critical aspects of the project sooner.

Another improvement is the addition of a plan size scanner. We are now able to digitally store all plans, specifications, and addenda for each project. This is saving a tremendous amount of time in the bidding process. It also allows us to revisit the details of a past project without dragging out the hard copies. With all of our improvements, information is at our fingertips rather than in a warehouse.

Our most significant improvement in the department was the addition of Tanya Orgeron. Tanya joined the Estimating Department in June and has been instrumental to our success since that point. Tanya quickly grasped the bidding process and is allowing us to bid more projects because of her construction knowledge, attention to detail, and impeccable work ethic. Her efforts on a daily basis make F. H. Myers Construction a better company.

In 2007, we competitively bid \$46 million dollars worth of projects and were low bidder on \$22 million of that total. These totals do not count the projects that were secured through negotiations. Projects secured in 2007 include AmSouth Bank – Chateau, AmSouth Bank – Harvey, Mary Queen of Peace Church, Visitation of our Lady – Multipurpose Building, and St. Michael's Special School New Classroom Building.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



As we close the chapter on our 20th year, we reflect on our past accomplishments and look forward to participating in the abundant opportunities in our community.

In July, we had a very successful twenty-year anniversary party. It was a great opportunity to share our accomplishments with clients, architects, engineers, subcontractors, suppliers, and associates, and personally thank all who have been very instrumental to our success over the years.

Our work in 2007 still contained a large amount of Hurricane Katrina related repairs and renovations, as our clients settled insurance issues with their carriers. This work is still not complete, and we see many projects of this nature moving into 2008. This past year also provided a very diversified work program for our firm. We completed work on financial institutions, medical facilities, design/build projects, office expansions, historic restorations, and religious and educational complexes.

We enter 2008 with a backlog twice that of last year and many additional opportunities. Our overall goal is continued growth in line with our resources available to maintain our professional management level with a quality project. This is the greatest challenge in the local construction community. It is easy to grow in these market conditions; however, maintaining the level of service presents a difficult set of challenges. There are many who are using these times to grow exponentially, as well as to enter the market place. All of us need to be wary of these firms during the course of the projects to ensure success. Low cost does not always equate to the best providers. Usually, low cost on the front end results in the potential for additional undesired expenses in the end.

The construction industry still suffers from an inadequate work force and the professionals needed to handle the volume of work in our area. Recruitment is a daily function in our company for all types of personnel. This past year, we were fortunate to increase the office and field personnel with 15 additional people. It is imperative that we all work together to rebuild our community and to improve the quality of life and education in our area so that more skilled and professional people will seek employment opportunity in our region.

We have great expectations for the new Governor and other elected officials. There are large sums of federal dollars available to rebuild our community. The eyes of the nation are on our area thus, we must be vigilant in holding our leaders accountable and give them the support that they need to be successful. We can best accomplish this by exercising our right to vote, voicing our opinions regarding legislation and being involved in associations and organizations that work to improve quality of life, free business enterprise, and support our community. We will certainly all be measured by the results of our actions. Let's all work together this year to improve our region.

On a personal note, the 1st quarter of this past year brought two beautiful grandchildren into the Myers family. Miss Ainsley Albright was born on January 4, 2007, the day after the Sugar Bowl! She was already thinking about her grandfather. In March, Brady Myers joined our family after holding us all in suspense for a very long day.

Our firm would like to wish all of you a New Year full of prosperity, hope and good health. We look forward to working with you in 2008.



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