



E. M. DIRKSEN U.S. COURTHOUSE

219 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET
CHICAGO



Construction Progress - November 2005

This newsletter seeks to update customers and visitors of repairs underway to the exterior curtain wall of the E. M. Dirksen U.S. Courthouse.

Project Update

- The exterior caulk and sealant removal has been completed.
- The paint primer has been applied to over 75% of the building's exterior.
- The final top coat has been applied to approximately 40% of the exterior.
- The final caulk and sealant application will follow and work will be completed by the end of December.
- Interior weep holes have been drilled at approximately 50% of the locations. (These weep holes will prevent the interior window frames from entrapping water through seepage/ leakage at exterior joints which could result in their rupture through a freeze-thaw cycle)
- All windows are scheduled to be washed following the completion of the final coating.
- The demobilization of the mast climber will begin during the last week of November.
- Overall the work at EM Dirksen US Courthouse is 59% complete as of the end of October.



Paint—Sample Application

Project Schedule

The project remains on schedule for substantial completion by December 2005 for the exterior scope. Exterior column work will be completed in Spring 2006.



Freshly painted exterior surface



Construction Team

Owner: General Services Administration
Construction Manager: Vistara Construction Services, Inc.
Design Builder: Berglund Construction Company
Project Architect: Kellermeyer, Godfryt and Hart
Bridging Architect: InterActive Design

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