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Meeting Challenges, Delivering Value

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Into 2007

The first half of 2007 has been full of promise, with projects carried over from 2006 from repeat clients, as well as projects awarded by new clients. The diversification of our client base is an ongoing objective for TAE. We are concentrating our efforts in that direction.

TAE Project Highlights

Owen, Murphy, Coffey and McKenny Elementary Schools, Detroit, MI

Project Manager: Lincoln Calhoun

Status of Project: Construction Administration

Owen Academy, Murphy Elementary, Coffey Elementary, and McKenny Elementary schools comprise this upgrade project which began in July, 2006. The scope of the project consists of general upgrading of all four school facilities, including providing new play lots, repairing building envelopes and flooring, as well as upgrading the kindergarten restrooms. McKenny Elementary School IT will be upgraded, while Coffey Elementary School will receive a new wireless installation. This project is on track for completion at the end of June, 2007.



Murphy School - Entrance Court



Pelham School - Main Entrance

Woodson School, Chicago, IL

Project Manager: Richard Podgorny

Status : Issued for Bid

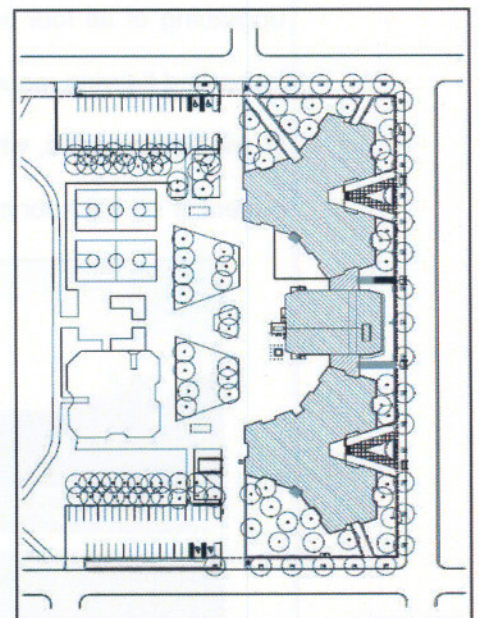


Woodson School - North Entrance

Currently, the Woodson School project is in the bidding phase. This facility, which consists of two schools - Woodson North and Woodson South - has a combined area of 160,000 square feet. The twin buildings, which are linked to a shared gymnasium / multi-purpose facility, were built in 1965. The site is bounded by Evans Avenue on the East, 44th Street to the North, 45th Street on the South and St. Lawrence Street on the West. Woodson North School is currently occupied and serves 516 students from 5th to 8th grade. Woodson South, which

previously served pre-kindergarten through 8th grades, will accommodate grades 9 through 12 after the renovation. Title II ADA renovations are the main elements in the scope of work for Woodson North and South. All aspects of this project and all building components will be affected by these renovations, including parking, building entry, student toilet rooms, classroom and office doors, TTY phones, lockers, stairs, stage access, assisted listening devices, audio and visual alarm systems, and access to all three floors of both buildings by an interior elevator. The existing links, which connect the classroom buildings to the gymnasium / multi-purpose facility will be demolished and will be replaced with new accessible corridor links.

This project will concentrate mostly on the South building, since the North building recently underwent similar major renovations. The project will also entail new configurations to the lunchroom, kitchen, library and science lab classrooms. Finish renovations will include floor finish replacement and deep cleaning of selected ceramic tiles, door and hardware replacements, complete interior painting, new suspended ceiling grid and tile installation. The South building will also receive new kitchen equipment and a new roof, as well as completed light fixture and exit sign replacement, addition of a new emergency generator, installation of a new fire alarm and intercom systems and selected mechanical and plumbing fixture replacement.



Woodson Site Plan

Wayne State University Projects, Detroit, MI

Project Manager: Lincoln Calhoun

Status of Project: Program/Schematic Design

TAEL is currently working on several projects in various buildings on the Wayne State University campus in Detroit. These projects include the renovation of certain areas of the Knapp Building, the Applebaum Pharmacy building and Schaver Music Hall, and the design of a Special Collections Room in the main campus library. The scope of work in the Knapp and the Applebaum buildings consists of the renovating existing space into offices, conference rooms and exam rooms. TAEL is conducting feasibility studies in parts of the other two buildings. These studies involve the complete upgrade and renovation for one of the large lecture rooms of Schaver Music Hall, and the design of a Special Collections Room to accommodate rare books at the Adamany Library. These projects are scheduled to be completed in August, 2007.



TAEL Principal, Yves Jeanty, NCARB
converses with Mayor Daley at an
ABLE function

TAEL in the News

As a civic-minded corporation, TAEL is proud to have been mentioned in a December, 2006 Chicago Tribune article on Chicago Public Schools' Education to Careers program. An avid participant in the CPS School Partners Program, and supporter of Maggie Daley's groundbreaking After School Matters program, TAEL believes in contributing to the education and betterment of young people. For many years, and whenever possible, TAEL has employed a summer intern from CPS, or from local universities. Invariably, our interns have had positive experiences and most have stayed in touch with the firm, returning to visit periodically. TAEL's Detroit office has participated in a mentoring program for high school students during the 2006-2007 academic year. A Detroit high school student has been exposed to working at our firm several afternoons per week throughout the year, thereby gaining invaluable work experience. When it comes to supporting young people, TAEL puts its money where its mouth is!

Communique changes to Bi-Annual Issuance

This issue of Communique marks a transition to a bi-annual edition. Look for the next edition toward the end of 2007.

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Year in Review

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