CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

January was a busy month for progress on the New Medical Office Building. The 150 foot crane has left the site, making way for several trades to mobilize and begin their work. Exterior framing is well underway, giving a first glimpse of the shell or “skin” of the building. Mechanical and electrical rough-ins are also starting and the natural gas service has been run and connected to the new building.

Roofing has been completed and a temporary plastic shell is in place. This protects the building from water and wind penetration allowing crews to begin work inside. Temporary heat has been installed allowing for concrete slabs to be poured and interior framing to begin.

Stay tuned over the next few months as progress on the exterior of the building will appear to take place at an alarming rate.

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FUN FACT

While it may not classify as a “fun fact,” death on a project used to be factored into the cost of construction. From 1880 – 1914 the building of the Panama Canal cost the lives of 30,609 construction workers! Most of these were due to illness caused by working in harsh conditions. Thankfully through modern industry practice and extensive amounts of time and money spent in safety training, death is no longer a “cost of construction.” The industry has become dedicated to completing projects safely and at E&V we accept nothing less.
LOOKING AHEAD

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The building is now completely enclosed in temporary reinforced plastic, and large portable heaters are warming it up in preparation for the upcoming interior work. With the completion of the second floor slab on deck, the metal stud framing crews from Bouma will have a blank slate to work with as they begin their layout. Plumbing and HVAC work will not be far behind when B&V Mechanical also begins hanging their ductwork on the second floor. While this is taking place, preparation for the slab on grade will be moving at full speed on the first floor including plumbing and electrical rough-ins.

SAFETY Matters

EYE PROTECTION

Everyday an estimated 1,000 eye injuries occur in U.S. workplaces. The financial cost of these injuries is enormous – more than $300 million per year in lost production time, medical expenses and worker’s compensation. No dollar figure can adequately reflect the personal toll these accidents take on the injured workers. Because of the high frequency of eye injuries on construction sites, Elzinga & Volkers requires all tradespeople and visitors to wear OSHA approved safety glasses while on site.

TEAM SPOTLIGHT

Who’s Who On Site

Bob’s Roofing Company recently completed the bulk of the work on the roof of the new MOB, and they did an excellent job. Their crews took advantage of the rare good weather over the past month by working long hours and several weekends. When framing of the parapet walls is complete, we look forward to having Bob’s Roofing Company back to finish the new roof.

TRACK THE PROJECT’S PROGRESS AS THE VIEW TAKES SHAPE!