



Project Update

New Residence Hall at SUNY Cortland Nearing Completion

March 6, 2013 - The State University of New York at Cortland is in the later stages of completing a 5-story residence hall to accommodate the growing demand for on-campus housing before the start of the 2013-14 academic year. Approval for the new residence hall was received in April 2011 with construction scheduled to begin in the spring of 2012. Approximately 50% of students enrolled at SUNY Cortland currently live on campus. The new residence hall is designed to house an additional 230 students in four-bedroom suite configurations featuring private bathrooms.

Architecture firm Stantec Consulting, Inc. of Philadelphia, PA and structural engineer David Chou & Associates of Blue Bell, PA collaborated to develop an efficient and economical design for the 61,000 square foot structure. In February 2012 LPCiminelli, Inc. of Buffalo, NY signed on as construction manager at-risk with a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for the design.



Congratulations to Rochester Rigging & Erectors of Bloomfield, NY for the award and completion of their first Girder-Slab project. Led by President Kelly Gilligan and Project Manager Michael Hansen, Rochester Rigging & Erectors, in addition to fabricating and erecting 350 tons of structural steel, also installed the precast hollow core slabs manufactured by Oldcastle Precast. Erection began in August and was successfully completed in early October.

“This was our first project with the Girder-Slab System,” Gilligan said. “It went well, and we feel now that we have been through one complete project, we would not be apprehensive to install another.”

The new residence hall at SUNY Cortland will become LPCiminelli's third student housing development completed with the Girder-Slab System. In 2011 the multifaceted construction management firm successfully completed a six-story, 200,000 square foot residence hall at the University of Buffalo, and a three winged, four, five and six-story 225,000 square foot residence hall at Buffalo State University. The University of Buffalo and Buffalo State University housing projects were both designed by Cannon Design of Grand Island, NY.



"Rochester Rigging did a great job at the SUNY Cortland project. They had the scope to furnish and erect the structural steel and concrete plank," LPCiminelli Project Manager Carl York said. "By using the Girder Slab System on this project, we feel we were able to shorten the install time by over two weeks and allowed us to lower the overall floor to floor height, saving the owner money."

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