

Harper Center Construction News Brief

The Harper Center is on the last leg of the race rushing towards completion in early summer. The last of the masonry is being installed on the exterior north octagon and windows have been installed everywhere but the boardroom and north elevation. The completion of the roofs and the rest of the exterior finishes are progressing as weather permits. In addition, the contractor is getting ready to set the iconic Spire element on the Northeast corner of the building the first of April.

The activity within the interior of the Harper Center is not unlike a giant beehive. The walls on the fourth and first floors are in the process of being installed while on the second and third floors the wall are complete and being taped and painted. Plumbing, lighting and fire protection fixtures are being installed as cable tray and data/phone lines are being run. Interior doors are being hung while ceiling grid is being installed. In the next several weeks the contractor will start laying carpet in areas that have been finished.

The building user groups were able to take supervised tours of their spaces last month to help conceptualize the use of their space with existing and new furnishings. A Moving Committee has been organized and has already met several times in preparation for the move into the new building. The departments have started their "Spring Cleaning" early with the sorting through of years of "stuff" and shredding of old files. The move will be a phased activity with the first groups moving in July.