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## **Englewood Construction Begins Work On Six New Chicago-Area Retail Projects, Including hhgregg In Joliet**

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Englewood Construction, one of the country's leading national commercial construction firms, has begun work on six new Chicago-area retail projects, including an hhgregg in Joliet. The firm has also announced the completion of two area projects, including a Trader Joe's grocery store in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood.

"There's no denying we've seen an uptick in bidding activity, especially in Chicago retail construction," said Bill Di Santo, president of Lemont, Ill.-based Englewood Construction. "In both the city and the suburbs, we're seeing retailers like hhgregg take advantage of rents and landlord concessions to secure prime space at some attractive price points. And with today's reduced costs for many construction materials, retailers can save on their bottom line to open a store."

The hhgregg Joliet location is one of many former Circuit City stores the Indianapolis-based retailer has taken over in establishing a Chicago presence. Englewood Construction began work in March on the 21,654-square-foot hhgregg located at 3150 Tonti Drive near the Louis-Joliet Mall. The store is scheduled for completion by mid June. Herschman Architects out of Cleveland served as the architect.

"We've built a number of appliance and electronic stores for national retailers, so this hhgregg store definitely plays to our strengths," said Di Santo. "Hhgregg is also smart in partnering with established vendors, such as Englewood Construction, to help launch its brand in Chicago – you only get one chance to make a first impression."

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