

Englewood Construction Completes Five Retail Projects, Including New hhgregg in Joliet



Englewood Construction has completed work on five new retail projects, including the only American Girl boutique store in the Washington D.C. area

CHICAGO (July 20, 2011) – Englewood Construction, one of the country’s leading commercial construction firms, has announced it has completed construction on five retail projects in the Chicago and Washington, D.C. regions.

In the Chicago area, the firm has completed construction of a 21,654-square-foot hhgregg store in Joliet, a 33,115-square-foot Sears outlet in Naperville and a Mrs. Fields/TCBY Yogurt at Westfield Old Orchard shopping center in Skokie.

Newly completed Washington, D.C.-area projects include a 20,000-square-foot American Girl boutique store, located at the Tyson’s Corner Center shopping center in McLean, Va., and a Calvin Klein Underwear store in downtown Washington D.C.

“We’re thrilled to add these high-profile projects to our portfolio and we look forward to delivering more retail stores like these across the country as the economy recovers,” said Bill Di Santo, president of Lemont, Ill.-based Englewood Construction. “Large stores like hhgregg and American Girl are our specialty as we understand the complex needs of these specialized brands and the unique customer experience they strive to create.”

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 hhgregg at 3150 Tonti Drive near the Westfield Louis-Joliet shopping mall. Herschman Architects out of Cleveland served as the architect.

“We already had a proven track record in retail retrofits and were familiar with the construction of former Circuit City stores, so there were no surprises during the construction process of this impressive store,” said Di Santo.

The Sears outlet store is located at 546 S. Route 59 in Naperville. Sears Holding Management served as the architect. And Lemont, Ill.-based BVM Associates, LLC was the architect for the new Mrs. Fields/ TCBY Yogurt at Westfield Old Orchard in Skokie.

The high-profile American Girl boutique store at Tyson’s Corner Center is the first store in the Washington, D.C. area for the boutique doll retailer. The project included retrofitting a wing of the mall, built in the late 1960s, to accommodate American Girl. The boutique store includes special features such as a doll salon, full-service bistro and separate snack counter. Morristown, N.J.-based Jacobs served as architect.

“This was the sixth American Girl store we’ve constructed, so we were well-versed in the American Girl brand and final shopping experience,” said Di Santo. “We’ve developed a strong partnership with American Girl, and the company knows it can count on us for consistency and reliability. Also, the retailer appreciates not having to go through the learning curve of training new general contractors. The in-store experience is so critical to American Girl, and we understand there is no room for error and can deliver on that promise.”

Comprised of 2,146 square feet, the newly completed Calvin Klein Underwear store is located at 3207 M Street NW in Washington, D.C. Projekt WJCA in Franklin Lakes, N.J. was the architect.

<http://triblocal.com/orland-park/community/stories/2011/07/englewood-construction-completes-five-retail-projects-including-new-hhgregg-in-joliet/>