

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."

Automotive retailers are also becoming a fast-growing segment for Englewood Construction. Work recently started on a 7,680-square-foot O'Reilly Auto Parts at 820 E. Roosevelt Road in Wheaton. Previously the home to a Koenig and Strey brokerage office, the new O'Reilly Auto Parts store is scheduled for completion in May. O'Reilly Automotive Services out of Springfield, Mo., served as architect.

Englewood Construction also recently began work on a new Advanced Auto Parts in Crystal Lake. Designed by Shive-Hattery Architects out of Downers Grove, Ill., the 8,823-square-foot store is located at 6134 Northwest Highway and is scheduled for completion in June. This is the second Advanced Auto Parts store Englewood Construction has been awarded this year. In February, the firm completed a 6,920-square-foot Advance Auto Parts located at 696 E. Roosevelt Road in Glen Ellyn, Ill.

The general contractor has also begun prep work on behalf of General Growth for a new Armani store on the fifth floor at Water Tower Place on Michigan Avenue in downtown Chicago. Westfield has also recently hired Englewood Construction to begin prep work at Fox Valley Shopping Mall in Aurora to remove the old John's Garage restaurant to make way for a new Charming Charlie accessory store.

In restaurant news, Englewood Construction has begun work for a new Mrs. Fields/TCBY Yogurt at Westfield Old Orchard in Skokie. The 654-square-foot eatery will be located near Lord & Taylor and is scheduled to open in May. Lemont, Ill.-based BVM Associates, LLC is serving as architect.

Across from the new Mrs. Fields/TCBY at Westfield Old Orchard, the construction firm recently completed a new 694-square-foot The Body Shop store. Also completed on time was the new Trader Joe's at 667 West Diversey. The 14,801-square-foot grocery store will feature a chef's tasting station and is topped by a two-story parking deck.

About Englewood Construction:

Englewood Construction, Inc. is a commercial general contractor specializing in the construction of retail, restaurant, shopping center, hotel and office/industrial projects throughout the United States. Established in 2001, Englewood Construction's executive team has more than 30 years of commercial construction experience, including executive positions with R.A.S. Builders and Capitol Construction. Since its founding, Englewood Construction has managed over 500 projects in 28 states and amassed a national qualified vendor base exceeding 20,000 subcontractors and suppliers. For more information on the company, visit www.engagewoodconstruction.com, and to learn the latest insights and tips on solving commercial construction issues visit the company's blog at www.hardhatchat.com.

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