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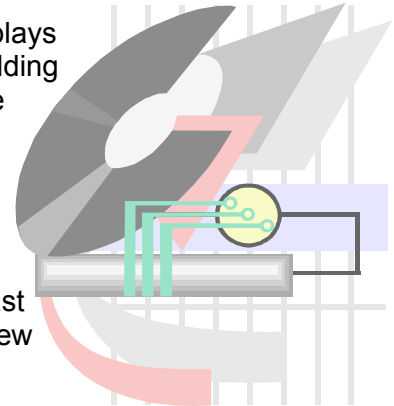
Improving Service With Modern Technology

In today's world, the speed at which information is transmitted to others plays a vital role in the way business is conducted. Starting with the bidding process, many precast fabricators have or will be discontinuing the practice of issuing hard copies of drawings, specifications, and addendum's for bidding purposes. Instead, drawings will be placed on a website to download, e-mailed, or put on a CD-ROM for erectors to use to bid on the project.

How ever our customers choose to issue drawings, be assured that Precast Services, Inc. is keeping up with the times and can accommodate these new delivery methods.

As part of the many services provided to our customers, Precast Services, Inc. has also issued digital cameras to our Foremen so that images can be transmitted via computer almost immediately to the appropriate entity in the event a problem is encountered on the job, thus, saving valuable time in providing a solution to the problem. As they say, "A picture is worth a thousand words".

Precast Services, Inc. is committed to provide our customers with high quality service that will showcase their fine products each and every time. **Although technology can improve upon the way business is conducted, no machine can replace the knowledge and experience our employees exhibit on a daily basis.**



St. Lukes Nearing Completion



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Precast Services, Inc. prides ourselves in the quality of work that we produce and strive to maintain this workmanship for our customers and the owners. We sell a service and we need to provide this service better than our competitors in order for Precast Services, Inc. to maintain the reputation of the company and you, our employees, for the workmanship that we are capable of performing.

We as a company have a lot of experience in the erection of precast concrete products and none of us know as much as we do collectively. We owe it to ourselves and our customers to erect and maintain project schedules the very best that we possibly can. We cannot depend solely on our customers to know what is needed to erect a project.

The precast producers project managers are not as experienced as we are in the handling and rigging of the product. They are looking at the project in a whole different way than we do, as the erectors. Anytime that we have to go back and correct panels that were erected out of the PCI tolerances it not only costs Precast Services, Inc. additional time and money but just as important it has cost us a little of our reputation as a quality erector. The precast erection community is a very small group of people as a whole and the more we can protect our reputation the more work we are going to do.

Barry L. Cooper
President

A Look Ahead.....



<u>Project</u>	<u>Est. Start</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Est. Start</u>	<u>Location</u>
Belvedere	Ongoing	Chicago, IL	Montclair Trans. PG	July 2003	Montclair, NJ
Sparrow Hosp. Addition	Ongoing	Lansing, MI	Centennial MOB	July 2003	Nashville, TN
Hillcrest Hospital	July 2003	Cleveland, OH	Paddock Rd. Bridge	Aug 2003	Cincinnati, OH
Volunteer State Bank	July 2003	Portland, TN	Riverview Medical PG	September 2003	Red Bank, NJ
EKU Health Center	July 2003	Richmond, KY	Metzger PG	September 2003	Ewing, NJ
Cincinnati State College	July 2003	Cincinnati, OH	The Heritage	October 2003	Chicago, IL
Sharpless St. PG	July 2003	W. Chester, PA	Seneca Casino PG	October 2003	Buffalo, NY

Employee Spotlight "Monte Owczarzak"



Precast Services, Inc. is blessed with many great employees. The intent of "Employee Spotlight" is to recognize these individuals for their accomplishments, loyalty, and dedication.

One of these individuals is Project Foreman Monte Owczarzak. Monte has been with the company for many years and manages projects located primarily in the State of Michigan. Monte is also a member of Ironworkers Local # 25, Detroit, Michigan. Monte has continually demonstrated his ability to meet the challenges that comes with being a foreman and has managed several major projects such as the MGM Grand Parking Garage in Detroit, several parking garages for General Motors and Chrysler, the 3600 Woodward Parking Garage for the City of Detroit, and most recently the Sparrow Hospital Parking Garage in Lansing, Michigan.

For these and other reasons too numerous for this space, our "Employee Spotlight" shines on Mr. Monte Owczarzak.



Monte Owczarzak



Project Snapshots

Sparrow Hospital Parking Garage Lansing, Michigan



The Sparrow Hospital PG Erection Team members, representing PSI, Ironworkers Local #25, and Operating Engineers Local #324, are, pictured left to right, Front Row: Oiler Brianne Casto, Operator Chris Casto, Jason Howell, Eric Besaw, Glen Howell, Phil Myers, General Foreman Dave Schlaufman. Second Row; Larry Tomczak, Wade Owczarzak, Chris Fales. Third Row; Jeff Shafer, Jack Kemp, Jerred Thill. Forth Row; Jim Pierce and Project Foreman Monte Owczarzak.

Turning Stone Casino PG - Verona, New York



The Turning Stone Casino PG Erection Team Members, Representing PSI, Ironworkers Local # 440, and Operating Engineers Local # 545 are, front row, left to right, John Bero Sr., Larry Beauvais, Paul Ward, Tom St. Anne, David "Luke" Lazore, Bill Mitchell, Michael Evanchak, and Pete Mitchell. Back row; Matt Hupp, Rod Smith, Craig Westfall, Brian Mitchell, and Tony Russo. Project Foreman Mike Hart was manning the camera.

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Northwestern Mutual - Milwaukee, Wisconsin



The N. W. Mutual Erection Team, representing PSI, Ironworkers Local # 8, and Operating Engineers Local # 139 were Project Foreman Mark Derus, M. Arndt, T. Honea IV, T. Kallin, P. Ritter, R. Marshall, W. Kresbach, R. Kraus, G. Benning, B. Cyganek, F. Obuchowski, P. Riggs, T. Gonnering, R. Mootz, and J. Wirt.

Veterans Hospital Parking Garage Chicago, Illinois



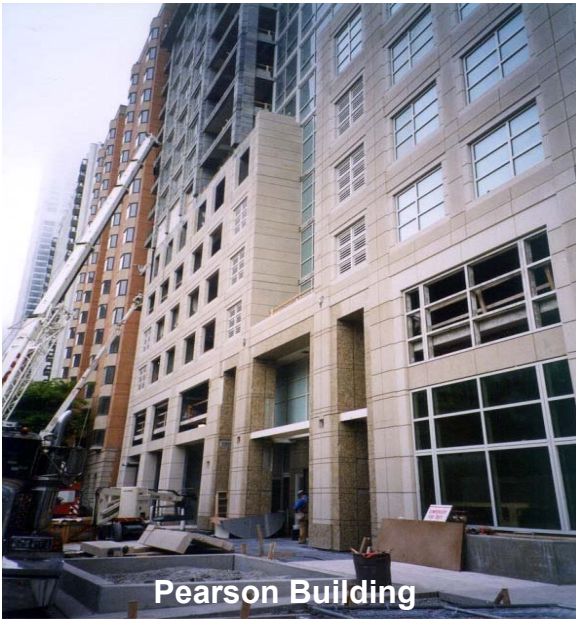
The Veterans Hospital Parking Garage Erection Team, representing PSI, Ironworkers Local # 1, and Operating Engineers Local # 150 are Project Foreman Loren Cheney, T. Bly, R. Brooks, D. Campbell, T. Campbell, T. Danlow, R. Graan, S. Greski, J. Henry, E. Miller, B. Porth, and J. Rickens.

Barry's Bear



PSI President Barry Cooper
Meaner than "Chuck"

The Residences on Lake Shore Park Chicago, Illinois



Pearson Building



840 N. Lakeshore



Artist Rendering of Completed Buildings

Combined Erection Team Members, representing PSI and Ironworkers Local # 1 are, left to right, front row; J. Cherry, J. Aikin, Project Foremen Mark Derus and Mike Kerr, D. Conner. Second row; S. Wells, A. Cesario, "Bosh", B. Adamic, M. Gardinier, A. Hardey III, and E. Petrovich.

3600 Woodward Avenue - Detroit, Michigan



The 3600 Woodward Erection Team Members, representing PSI, Ironworkers Local # 25, and Operating Engineers Local # 324 were, Project General Foreman Dave Schlaufman, Project Foreman Monte Owczarzak, E. Besaw, M. Cooper, D. Fisher, T. Grusnick, G. Howell, J. Howell, M. Pruitt, L. Tomczak, J. Casto, and D. Lamb.

Ironworkers Skills Competition Scheduled



The Onedia Indian Nation, owners of the Turning Stone Casino in Verona, New York, are working with Utica-based Ironworkers Local No. 440, as well as other locals of the International Association of Bridge, Structural & Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers to present the inaugural Ironworkers Skills Competition and Festival on Saturday, September 13, 2003 on Nations Homelands in Canastota, New York, located adjacent to Exit 34 of the New York State Thruway.

The event is expected to attract hundreds of ironworkers from across the Northeast. The day long festival will include several tests of skill among ironworkers, along with a number of activities for children and families, such as a chicken-wing cook-off, heavy equipment displays, and vendors. An opening ceremony will honor the proud heritage of American Indian and other ironworkers. The following competitions are planned; Column Climb, Spud Throw, Rivet Throw, Rod Tying, and Knot Tying. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers.



To find out current information regarding this event, visit www.oneidanews.net/currentnews.shtml, where information for this story was obtained, or contact Ironworkers Local No. 440 at 315-735-4531.

Holy Cross College PG - Worcester, MA



The Holy Cross College PG Erection Team Members, representing PSI, Ironworkers Local # 57, 350 and Operating Engineers Local # 4 are, Project Foremen Ken Williams & Jim Allen, M. Anderson, J. Bonilli, M. Carlin, D. Curtis, C. Rodrigues, M. Sullivan, K. Swift, B. Turner, J. Warford, and C. Wiazboski



Western Baptist Hospital Garage Expansion Paducah, Kentucky



Erection Team Members representing PSI, Ironworkers Local # 782, and Operating Engineers Local # 181, are, pictured left to right, front row, Jason Gallatin, Brian Shafer and Rick Toler. Back row; Project Foremen Don Phillips and Rick Marshall, Earl Crippin, Roy Duncan, Daphne Colbert, Gary Knight, Glen Burnett, Terry Blankenship and Patsy Bledsoe. Not pictured: Terry Streets.

The Safety Page



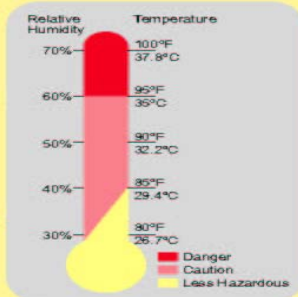
Know Your Body's Limits In The Heat Of Summer



The Heat Equation

**HIGH TEMPERATURE + HIGH HUMIDITY
+ PHYSICAL WORK = HEAT ILLNESS**

When the body is unable to cool itself through sweating, serious heat illnesses may occur. The most severe heat-induced illnesses are heat exhaustion and heat stroke. If left untreated, heat exhaustion could progress to heat stroke and possible death.



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Heat Exhaustion

What are the symptoms?

HEADACHES; DIZZINESS OR LIGHTEADEDNESS; WEAKNESS; MOOD CHANGES SUCH AS IRRITABILITY, CONFUSION, OR THE INABILITY TO THINK STRAIGHT; UPSET STOMACH; VOMITING; DECREASED OR DARK-COLORED URINE; FAINTING OR PASSING OUT; AND PALE, CLAMMY SKIN

What should you do?

- Act immediately. If not treated, heat exhaustion may advance to heat stroke or death.
- Move the victim to a cool, shaded area to rest. Don't leave the person alone. If symptoms include dizziness or lightheadedness, lay the victim on his or her back and raise the legs 6 to 8 inches. If symptoms include nausea or upset stomach, lay the victim on his or her side.
- Loosen and remove any heavy clothing.
- Have the person drink cool water (about a cup every 15 minutes) unless sick to the stomach.
- Cool the person's body by fanning and spraying with a cool mist of water or applying a wet cloth to the person's skin.
- Call 911 for emergency help if the person does not feel better in a few minutes.

Heat Stroke—A Medical Emergency

What are the symptoms?

DRY, PALE SKIN WITH NO SWEATING; HOT, RED SKIN THAT LOOKS SUNBURNED; MOOD CHANGES SUCH AS IRRITABILITY, CONFUSION, OR THE INABILITY TO THINK STRAIGHT; SEIZURES OR FITS; AND UNCONSCIOUSNESS WITH NO RESPONSE

What should you do?

- Call 911 for emergency help immediately.
- Move the victim to a cool, shaded area. Don't leave the person alone. Lay the victim on his or her back. Move any nearby objects away from the person if symptoms include seizures or fits. If symptoms include nausea or upset stomach, lay the victim on his or her side.
- Loosen and remove any heavy clothing.
- Have the person drink cool water (about a cup every 15 minutes) if alert enough to drink something, unless sick to the stomach.
- Cool the person's body by fanning and spraying with a cool mist of water or wiping the victim with a wet cloth or covering him or her with a wet sheet.
- Place ice packs under the armpits and groin area.

How can you protect yourself and your coworkers?

- Learn the signs and symptoms of heat-induced illnesses and how to respond.
- Train your workforce about heat-induced illnesses.
- Perform the heaviest work during the coolest part of the day.
- Build up tolerance to the heat and the work activity slowly. This usually takes about 2 weeks.
- Use the buddy system, with people working in pairs.
- Drink plenty of cool water, about a cup every 15 to 20 minutes.
- Wear light, loose-fitting, breathable clothing, such as cotton.
- Take frequent, short breaks in cool, shaded areas to allow the body to cool down.
- Avoid eating large meals before working in hot environments.
- Avoid alcohol or beverages with caffeine. These make the body lose water and increase the risk for heat illnesses.

What factors put you at increased risk?

- Taking certain medications. Check with your health-care provider or pharmacist to see if any medicines you are taking affect you when working in hot environments.
- Having a previous heat-induced illness.
- Wearing personal protective equipment such as a respirator or protective suit.

PSI Receives 2002 Contractor Safety Award

On March 26, 2003, employees of Precast Services, Inc. were recognized for their accomplishment of achieving a lost time incident rate at least 25% below the Nationwide average in the Specialty Contractors category for the year 2002. Prior awards in this category were received for the years 2001, 1999, and 1997.

Precast Services, Inc. would like to thank all employee's for their ability to demonstrate it is possible to "get the job done" while working safely as we all strive for the ultimate reward of "ZERO" accidents.



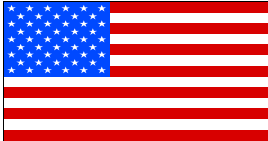
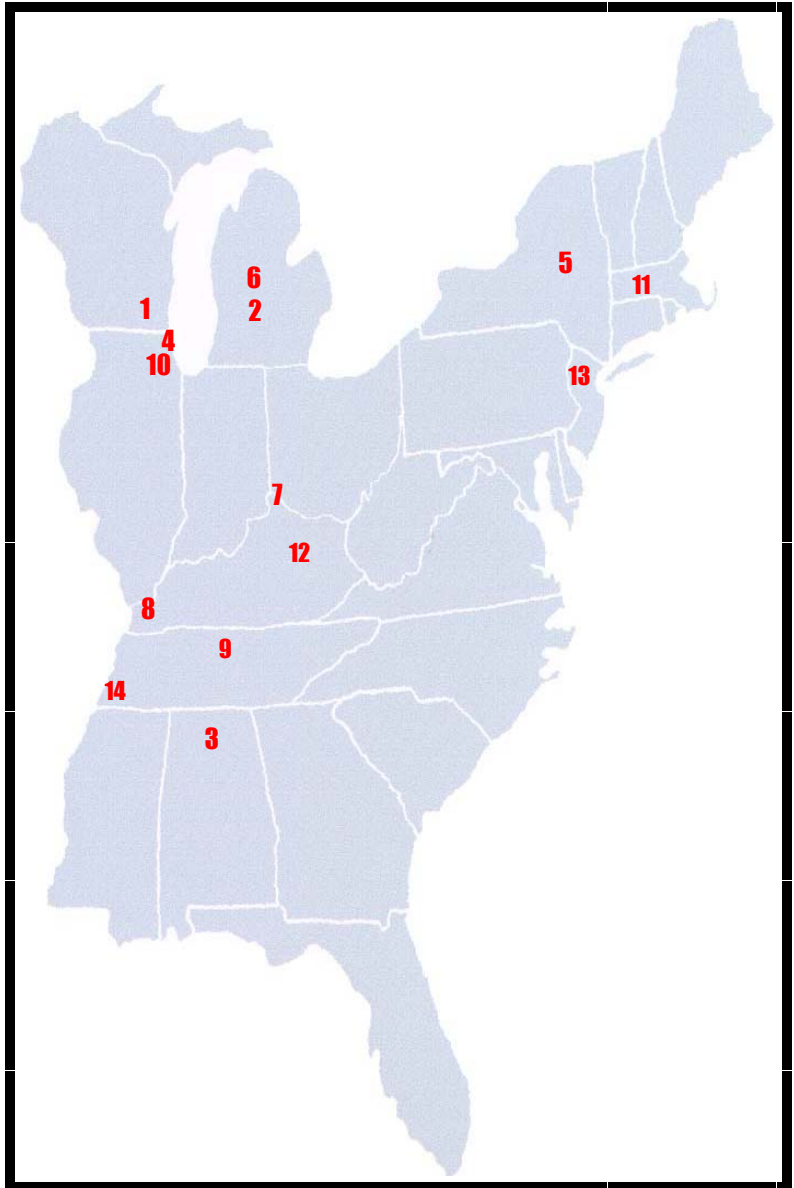
Projects Under Construction

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| <p>1 St. Lukes Cardiac Center
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Foreman: Greg Kniss</p> <p>2 Sparrow Hosp. Addition
Lansing, Michigan
Foreman: Joe Fontaine</p> <p>3 FBI Training Facility
Huntsville, Alabama
Foreman: Mark Derus</p> <p>4 840 Lakeshore/Belvedere
Chicago, Illinois
Foreman: Mike Kerr</p> <p>5 Turning Stone Casino PG
Verona, New York
Foreman: Mike Hart</p> <p>6 Sparrow Hospital PG
Lansing, Michigan
Foreman: Monte Owczarzak</p> <p>7 Cincinnati State College
Cincinnati, Ohio
Foreman: TBD</p> <p>8 W. Baptist Hospital PG Exp.
Paducah, Kentucky
Foremen: Don Phillips
Richard Marshall</p> <p>9 Volunteer State Bank
Portland, Tennessee
Foreman: R. D. Mills</p> <p>10 Veterans Hospital PG
Chicago, Illinois
Foreman: Loren Cheney</p> | <p>11 Holy Cross College PG
Worcester, Massachusetts
Foreman: Ken Williams
Jim Allen</p> <p>12 ECU Health Center
Richmond, Kentucky
Foreman: TBD</p> <p>13 Bergen College PG
Paramus, New Jersey
Foreman: Bob Nelson Jr.</p> <p>14 Concord EFS
Memphis, Tennessee
Foreman: Karl Schneider</p> |
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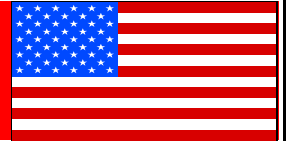


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