# **Existing Construction Conditions**

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## **Executive Summary**

### **Project Schedule Summary:**

- Design issued for bid March 21, 2005
- Begin Excavation and Foundations December 26, 2005
- Substantial Completion September 8, 2007
- Interior space turned over for fit-out in phases per floor

#### **Building Systems Summary:**

- Shell and Core office building with below grade parking structure
- Soldier piles with wood lagging as excavation support
- Cast in place reinforced concrete frame and slabs
- Pre-cast concrete exterior wall panels with areas of glass curtain wall
- Central plant chilled water system serving 12 factory built Air Handling Units
- 2 main 3000A switchboards with a 1200A retail bus gutter

#### **Project Cost Evaluation:**

- \$34 Million building costs at \$109 per square foot
- D4 Cost 2002 parametric estimate of \$33.7 Million
- CostWorks 2005 square foot estimate of \$91 per square foot

## **Project Schedule Summary**

(See Appendix ECC.A for MS Project Summary Schedule)

#### **Key Project Dates:**

1.	Schematic Design Begins	14 April 2004
2.	Design Issued for Bid	21 March 2005
3.	Begin Foundations and Excavation	26 December 2005
4.	Start Above Grade Structure	15 August 2006
5.	Design Complete	17 April 2007
6.	Start Hanging Drywall	18 April 2007
7.	Substantial Completion	8 September 2007

#### **Key Sequencing Elements:**

Foundation footings and slab on grade are to be completed before the start of the concrete frame structure. The structural frame is erected in sequence starting with the columns at the slab on grade, followed by the first elevated slab, then repeating that sequence placing entire levels of columns followed by the full slabs above them. Once the concrete structure is completed to the roof-level slab, the erection of the pre-cast concrete panel façade begins. The exterior walls are erected from the ground to roof at each face before moving the crane and beginning the next face. Following the completion of the final face of exterior wall, the windows and glass are installed per floor, beginning at the ground level and working up to the ninth level. Interior finishes begin prior to each floor's windows and glass being installed. Turn over to the owner is performed per floor as that floor is completed.

## **Building Systems Summary**

(See Appendix ECC.B for Building Systems Checklist)

#### **Construction**:

Two Liberty Center is a shell and core office building being constructed as part of a three building expansion of the Liberty Center complex. The project is being delivered under a modified design-bid-build method. Modification to the traditional method includes the involvement of the general contractor as a negotiator during the design phase. For their services on the project, the general contractor is held under a cost plus fee contract with a guaranteed maximum price. Trade contracts were awarded after a competitive bid, and were selected on the basis of lowest cost with the most reliable scope of work.

#### **Support of Excavation:**

Excavation for Two Liberty Center was performed as part of a larger excavation for all three of the buildings. With the L-shape of the large excavation, the site for Two Liberty Center has only three excavation walls to support. Two sides of the excavation are adjacent to the streets and are supported by traditional soldier piles with wood lagging and tie-backs. The third side of the excavation is adjacent to the existing One Liberty Center and is supported by an existing concrete retaining wall. There was no dewatering system necessary for this excavation, although some water had to be removed with pumps prior to the start of foundation work.

#### **Cast-in-Place Concrete**:

The super structure of the building is composed of reinforced cast-in-place concrete slabs and frame. All elevated slabs are 8" thick and slabs for floors 2 through 9 are post-tensioned to accommodate a typical bay size of 20'x 40'. The foundation consists of cast-in-place concrete spread footings with a 5" thick cast-in-place slab on grade.

#### **Curtain Wall:**

The building enclosure is a combination of pre-cast concrete panels with some areas of glass curtain wall systems. Glass curtain walls are located in two major areas: around the ground floor of the building, and up the architectural glass tower above the

main entrance to the building. Pre-cast concrete panels make up the rest of the façade and they are finished with traditional punch windows.

#### **Mechanical System:**

Conditioned air for Two Liberty Center is supplied by 12 Factory-Built Air Handling Units with chilled water cooling coils and electric heating coils. Cooling capacity is provided through a central chilled water plant consisting of 2 centrifugal water chilling units and 2 roof-top cooling towers. Air volume is digitally controlled for multiple zones provided by Variable-Air-Volume boxes.

#### **Electrical System:**

Service for the building is provided through a 277/480V, 3-phase, 4-wire, 8000A Utility Service Junction Box. Distribution through the building is handled by two 277/480V, 3-phase, 4-wire, 3000A switchboards, with an additional 277/480V, 3-phase, 4-wire, wye-connected, 1200A Bus Gutter for Retail service connection. Total connected loads for the two switchboards, MS1 and MS2, are 1852kVA and 2784kVA respectively, in addition to a total connected load for the retail bus gutter of 1203kVA. Emergency power will be provided through a diesel engine driven electric generator set rated for 277/480V, 3-phase, 4-wire, for a minimum 550kW/687.5kVA load.

## **Project Cost Evaluation**

(See Appendix ECC.C for detailed cost reports and data sheets))

#### **Actual Building Costs:**

**Building Construction Costs:** 

- \$34,000,000.00
- \$109.00 per SF

#### Parametric Estimate:

Expected costs for Two Liberty Center have been estimated based on data from similar buildings using the *D4 Cost 2002* estimating software. Buildings from the database were selected for comparison based on building type, building size, location and basic design features. Three buildings were selected and then averaged using the Smart Averaging feature. All three buildings were new construction office buildings with concrete foundations and concrete floors. Two of the three buildings were constructed in the same general region as Two Liberty Center, with of those two also being a second building of a complex built to complement the first, and the other of the two having an attached parking facility similar to Two Liberty Center. The following chart outlines the source data and reports the final data for Two Liberty Center, including the adjustment for location and total square footage:

Parametric Estimate for Two Liberty Center					
building	location	year built	size (SF)	Cost/SF	Cost
Woodlands Two	MD	1998	120,000	\$41.76	\$5,623,260.00
Netplex Plaza	VA	1999	171,800	\$47.84	\$8,153,214.00
Ha-Lo Headquarters	IL	1998	267,300	\$151.21	\$40,134,138.00
Two Liberty Center	VA	2005	180,000	\$186.98	\$33,656,395.00

(Reports from D4 Cost 2002 can be found in Appendix ECC.C)

The estimate from the *D4 Cost 2002* software has produced a number accurate to the millions, with the actual building cost at \$34 Million and the estimated cost at \$33.6 Million.

#### **Square Foot Estimate:**

This estimate was performed using the square foot modeling feature of R.S.  $Means - Cost\ Works\ 2005$  software. Since Two Liberty Center has two major components, the below grade parking structure and the above grade office building, two estimates were performed and the addition of the two is meant to produce a single cost estimate for Two Liberty Center. The following chart summarizes the square footage estimate produced:

#### **Summary Chart for Square Foot Cost Estimate:**

Garage Estimate			
Model Type: Garage, Underground Parking, Reinforced Concr	ete / R/Conc. F	rame	
Stories (Ea.): 4		Location:	Arlington, VA
Story Height (L.F.): 10		Data Release:	2005
Floor Area (S.F.): 130000		Wage Rate:	Union
Basement: Not Applicable			
		Cost/SF	Cost
	Sub-Total	\$37.84	\$4,919,325.00
GENERAL CONDITIONS (Overhead & Profit)	25%	\$9.46	\$1,230,000.00
ARCHITECTURAL FEES	8%	\$3.78	\$492,000.00
CLASS A MODIFIER	15%	\$7.66	\$996,198.75
TOTAL GARAGE COST		\$58.75	\$7,637,523.75
Office Building Estimate			
Model Type: Office, 5-10 Story, Precast Concrete Panel / R/Co	onc. Frame		
Stories (Ea.): 9		Location:	Arlington, VA
Story Height (L.F.): 12		Data Release:	2005
Floor Area (S.F.): 180000		Wage Rate:	Union
Basement: Not Included			
		Cost/SF	Cost
	Sub-Total	\$75.39	\$13,570,875.00
GENERAL CONDITIONS (Overhead & Profit)	25%	\$18.85	\$3,392,500.00
ARCHITECTURAL FEES	6%	\$5.66	
CLASS A MODIFIER	15%	\$14.99	\$2,697,206.25
TOTAL OFFICE BUILDING COST		\$114.89	\$20,678,581.25
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Total Building Cost			
Model Type: Office with Subgrade Garage, 9 Story Office with	n 4 Story Garas	ge	
Stories (Ea.): 13		Location:	Arlington, VA
Story Height (L.F.): 12		Data Release:	2005
Floor Area (S.F.): 310,000		Wage Rate:	Union
1/1-2-1/1-1			
		Cost/SF	Cost
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GARAGE COST		\$58.75	\$ 1,031,323.13
GARAGE COST OFFICE BUILDING COST	+	\$58.75 \$114.89	

(Detailed Reports from Cost Works 2005 can be found in Appendix ECC.C)

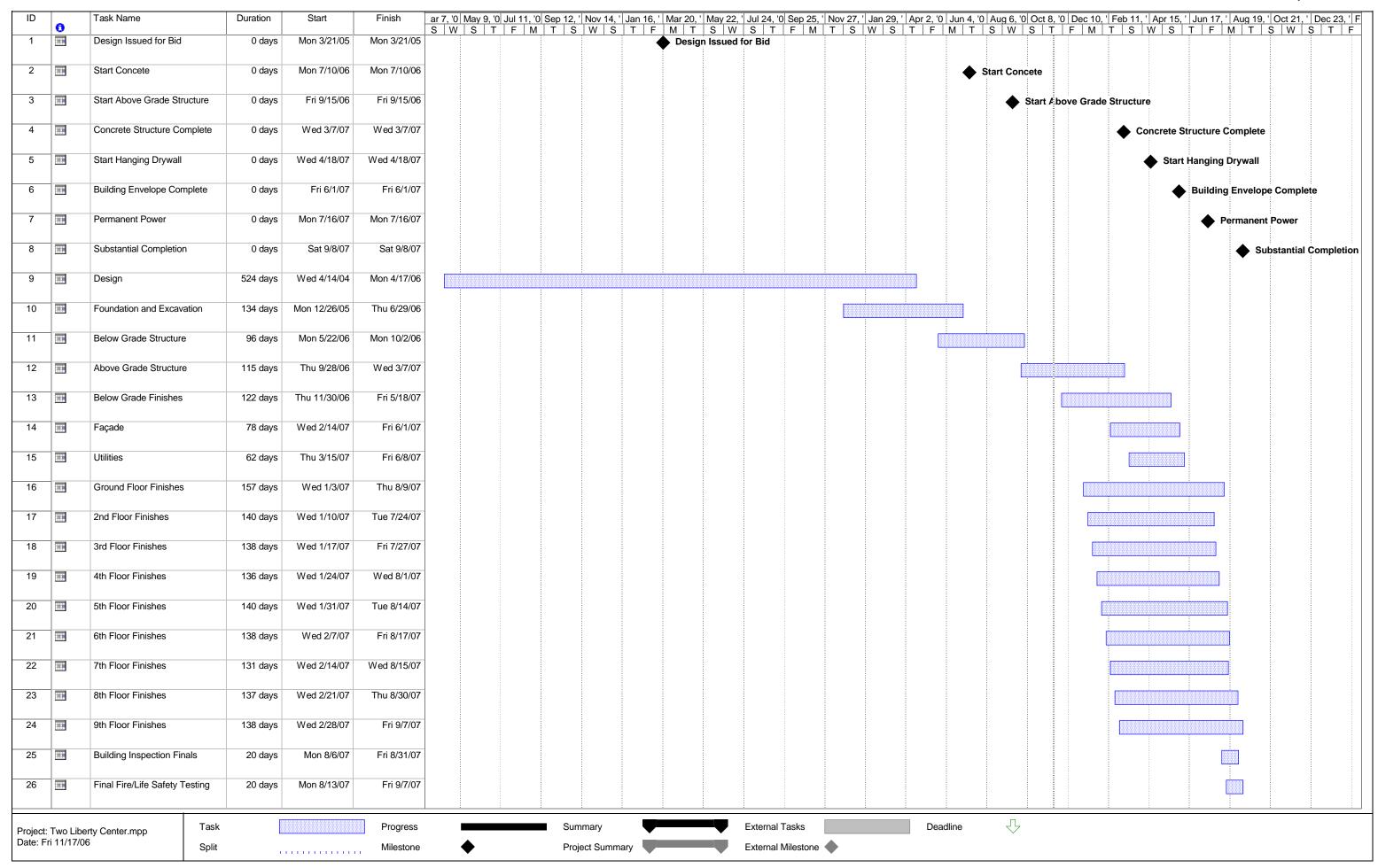
The estimate above is only accurate to the ten millions, with the actual building cost at \$34 Million and the estimate at \$28 Million. Inaccuracies in this method of estimating can be attributed to the lower level of detail as to the systems installed. The numbers produced from the software were modified by a factor of 15% to account for the extra money spent for Class A status. The owner of this building has taken the initiative to build a higher end and more efficient building than the typical office building.

# **Appendix ECC.A**

## The following appendix contains:

- Summary Project Schedule





# **Appendix ECC.B**

## The following appendix contains:

- Building Systems Summary Checklist



# **Building Systems Summary Checklist**

Yes	No	Work Scope
	X	Demolition Required
	X	Structural Steel Frame
X		Cast in Place Concrete
	X	Pre-cast Concrete
X		Mechanical System
X		Electrical System
	X	Masonry
X		Curtain Wall
X		Support of Excavation

# **Appendix ECC.C**

# The following appendix contains:

- D4 Cost 2002 report for Two Liberty Center
- D4 Cost 2002 reports for comparison buildings
- CostWorks 2005 square foot estimate summary for Office Building
- CostWorks 2005 square foot estimate summary for Parking Structure



# **Estimate of Probable Cost**

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	Two Liberty - Jun 2005 - VA - Arlington						
	Prepared By:	Nathanael Pais Penn State AE	t - Construction Managem	Prepared For: struction Management		Existing Construction Conditions	
	Building Sq. Size: Bid Date: No. of floors: No. of buildings: Project Height: 1st Floor Height: 1st Floor Size:	Fax: 180000 9 1 10 20000		Site Sq. Size: Building use: Foundation: Exterior Walls: Interior Walls: Roof Type: Floor Type: Project Type:	Fax: 255802 Office CON CUR DRY BAL CON NEW		
Division			Percent		Sq. Cost	Amount	
00	Bidding Requirem	ents	2.22		4.15	746,187	
	Bidding Requi	rements	2.22		4.15	746,187	
01	General Requirem	iente	7.08		13.25	2,384,488	
0.	General Requi		7.08		13.25	2,384,488	
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02	Site Work Site Work		<b>2.01</b> 2.01		<b>3.76</b> 3.76	<b>677,686</b> 677,686	
	Sile Work		2.01		3.70	077,000	
03	Concrete		13.86		25.91	4,663,932	
	Concrete		13.86		25.91	4,663,932	
04	Masonry		1.92		3.59	646,092	
•	Masonry		1.92		3.59	646,092	
			0.40		44.50	0.000.054	
05	<b>Metals</b> Metals		<b>6.18</b> 6.18		<b>11.56</b> 11.56	<b>2,080,251</b> 2,080,251	
	Wotalo		0.10		11.00	2,000,201	
06	Wood & Plastics		0.33		0.61	110,423	
	Wood & Plasti	ics	0.33		0.61	110,423	
07	Thermal & Moistur	re Protection	0.92		1.72	308,906	
•.		isture Protection	0.92		1.72	308,906	
00	D 0 14/1 d		44.47		04.45	0.004.440	
08	Doors & Windows Doors & Windows		<b>11.47</b> 11.47		<b>21.45</b> 21.45	<b>3,861,413</b> 3,861,413	
	Doors & William	OWS	11.47		21.43	3,001,413	
09	Finishes		2.22		4.15	746,506	
	Finishes		2.22		4.15	746,506	
10	Specialties		1.72		3.21	577,348	
	Specialties		1.72		3.21	577,348	
40	Furnishings		0.60		4.20	222.002	
12	Furnishings Furnishings		<b>0.69</b> 0.69		<b>1.29</b> 1.29	<b>232,993</b> 232,993	
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13	Special Construct		0.21		0.40	71,942	
	Special Consti	ruction	0.21		0.40	71,942	
14	Conveying System	ns	2.67		5.00	900,187	
	Conveying Sys	stems	2.67		5.00	900,187	
15	Mechanical		4.71		8.80	1,584,114	
15	Mechanical		4.71		8.80	1,584,114	
16	Electrical		<b>1.63</b> 1.63		<b>3.06</b> 3.06	<b>550,260</b>	
	Electrical		1.03		3.00	550,260	
21	Fire Suppression		2.93		5.47	985,059	
	Fire Suppressi	ion	2.93		5.47	985,059	
22	Plumbing		2.11		3.95	711,466	
	Plumbing		2.11		3.95	711,466	
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23	HVAC	14.58	27.25	4,905,676
	HVAC	14.58	27.25	4,905,676
26	Electrical	11.25	21.04	3,786,421
	Electrical	11.25	21.04	3,786,421
31	Earthwork	2.04	3.81	685,482
	Earthwork	2.04	3.81	685,482
32	Exterior Improvements	4.93	9.23	1,660,906
	Exterior Improvements	4.93	9.23	1,660,906
33	Utilities	2.31	4.33	778,658
	Utilities	2.31	4.33	778,658
Total E	Building Costs	100.00	186.98	33,656,395
Total S	Site Costs	100.00	0.00	0
Total F	Project Costs			33,656,395

# **Estimate of Probable Cost**

Woodlands Two - A	ug 1998 - MD - Other
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Prepared By:

1st Floor Size:

DRBrasher, Inc.

Prepared For:

5560 Sterrett Place, #300 Coumbia, MD 21044

Fax:

30000

Building Sq. Size: 120000
Bid Date: 8/1/1998
No. of floors: 4
No. of buildings: 1
Project Height: 65.4
1st Floor Height: 10

Fax: . Size: 37622

Site Sq. Size:
Building use:
Foundation:
Exterior Walls:
Interior Walls:
Roof Type:
Floor Type:
Project Type:
NEW

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Division		Percent	Sq. Cost	Amount
00	Bidding Requirements	6.90	2.72	325,983
01	General Requirements	1.85	0.73	87,477
03	Concrete	14.18	5.58	670,063
04	Masonry	2.56	1.01	121,077
05	Metals	17.20	6.77	812,401
06	Wood & Plastics	1.75	0.69	82,814
07	Thermal & Moisture Protection	2.97	1.17	140,384
80	Doors & Windows	8.39	3.30	396,474
09	Finishes	9.31	3.67	439,993
10	Specialties	1.18	0.47	55,926
12	Furnishings	0.60	0.24	28,497
14	Conveying Systems	3.74	1.47	176,919
15	Mechanical	21.70	8.54	1,025,039
16	Electrical	7.65	3.01	361,574
Total Bu	uilding Costs	100.00	39.37	4,724,621
02	Site Work	100.00	2.39	898,639
Total Si	te Costs	100.00	2.39	898,639
Total Pr	oject Costs			5,623,260

# Estimate of Probable Cost Project Notes

Woodlands Two - Aug 1998 - MD - Other

\*Columbia, Maryland

\*Construction Period Oct 98 to Sep 99

#### Special Project Notes

Located within the Gateway Corporate Park in Columbia, Maryland, Woodlands Two is a 4-story, Class #A# office building. DRBrasher was hired by Corporate Development Services, LLC, a subsidiary of Corporate Office Properties Trust, one of the largest REIT developers in the Maryland area.

The challenge of this project was meeting the client#s request of designing a building that was different, yet complimentary to a previously built office building on the same property.

The site was a heavily wooded area and DRBrasher wanted to preserve as much as possible to capitalize and maximize the views that would be seen from the office windows. The storm water management was already in place between the two buildings. There were environmental wetland areas, which needed to be preserved as well. To take advantage of these areas, a walking path was designed around the natural areas for the tenant#s enjoyment and relaxation and to provide a connection for the two buildings.

Corporate Development Services requested a building designed for not only today#s technology users but for the future as well. The 30,000-square-foot large floor plates were structurally designed for 100 psf live load per floor to accommodate the dense population of office users today. These large floor plates allowed for open space plans, which are a must for many of today#s tenants. Fiber optics were installed in the building and the electrical systems were enhanced. The mechanical system was designed with multiple systems per floor to provide flexibility for tenant users.

Woodlands Two has a unique wing-shaped design, which gives it a monumental presence, emphasizing and projecting the curve of the building and provides for more exterior windows. For the exterior skin of the building, DRBrasher chose the SlenderWall# system manufactured by the Smith-Midland Corporation. The system is an integrated precast-concrete brick finish with precast accent band panels. The curved precast panels set this building apart from other buildings in the corporate park. The architect was able to achieve the desired design of combined masonry and precast in one panel, which saved significant cost over the conventional brick veneer and precast method. This system allowed the building to be constructed with a masonry appearance in the dead of winter without cold weather delays and added costs for winterized construction. The system's erection time also provided cost savings.

To coincide with the building#s exterior, the interior had to be upscale. The interior finishes included granite flooring in the lobby, with custom wood millwork and glass. These finishes continued into the elevators. But one of the most unique features of the interior is an 11-foot 6-inch ceiling height with a back-lit luminous ceiling system, which created the illusion of a skylight and of a much higher ceiling. By using this system to create an atrium effort, the architect was able to maximize the rentable square footage area per floor.

Woodlands Two recently won a NAIOP (National Association of Industrial and Office Properties) Design of Excellence Award 2000 for the office building mid-rise 3-4 floors category.

#### MANUFACTURERS/SUPPLIERS

DIV 03: Precast Concrete Brick Finish: SlenderWall# by Smith Midland Corporation.

DIV 07: Roof Insulation: Owens Corning; Membrane Roof: Firestone.

DIV 08: Entrances & Storefronts: YKK AP America. Wood & Plastic Doors: Marshfield DoorSystems.

DIV 09: Floor Tile: Dal-Tile; Resilient Flooring: Azrock; Carpet: Monterey Spoolcraft; Gypsum Board: United States Gypsum; Painting:

Duron.

DIV 14: Elevators: Otis.

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# **Estimate of Probable Cost**

Netplex Plaza -	Nov 1999 -	· VA - Other
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Prepared By:

**Davis Carter Scott** 

1676 International Drive, #500

McLean, VA 22102

Fax:

Building Sq. Size: Bid Date: 171809 11/1/1999 No. of floors: 4

No. of buildings: Project Height: 66 1st Floor Height: 14 1st Floor Size: 14629 Prepared For:

Fax:

Site Sq. Size: Building use: 151759 Office Foundation: CON Exterior Walls: MAS Interior Walls: GYP Roof Type: BUP Floor Type: CON

Project Type: NEW

Division		Percent	Sq. Cost	Amount
01	General Requirements	7.58	3.37	579,730
03	Concrete	34.13	15.19	2,610,400
04	Masonry	8.55	3.81	653,970
05	Metals	4.91	2.19	375,517
06	Wood & Plastics	1.13	0.50	86,457
07	Thermal & Moisture Protection	2.19	0.97	167,223
08	Doors & Windows	5.74	2.56	439,374
09	Finishes	8.89	3.96	679,955
10	Specialties	0.38	0.17	29,437
12	Furnishings	0.43	0.19	32,523
13	Special Construction	0.68	0.30	52,000
14	Conveying Systems	3.14	1.40	240,316
15	Mechanical	16.57	7.38	1,267,098
16	Electrical	5.68	2.53	434,636
Total Bui	ilding Costs	100.00	44.52	7,648,636
02	Site Work	100.00	3.32	504,578
Total Site	e Costs	100.00	3.32	504,578
Total Pro	ject Costs			8,153,214

# Estimate of Probable Cost Project Notes

Netplex Plaza - Nov 1999 - VA - Other

\*Reston, Virginia

\*Construction Period May 2000 to Feb 2001

#### Special Project Notes:

Located along the fast-growing Dulles Airport Corridor, Netplex Plaza is at home in the edge city of Reston, Virginia. The site lies immediately adjacent to Sunset Hills Road which bounds its northern edge. The location assures a strong presence along Sunset Hills Road, not withstanding its visibility from the Dulles Airport access road.

Initiated in early 1999, the masterplan developed for this speculative office development, includes 90,000 square feet of office space and an adjacent 60,000 square feet for parking.

Contextualism plays a large role in designing buildings in the planned community of Reston. Netplex Plaza seeks to coexist with the countless low-rise commercial office buildings nearby, while re-composing the traditional elements of these buildings to create an aesthetic more in tune with this high-tech, fast-moving environment. The choice of masonry construction afforded the opportunity to design a building that has the economical leasing efficiency of a rectangular floorplate, without the visual brutality of a typical rectangular office building. Interior appointments include stone flooring, pendant and wall scone light fixtures, and stainless steel to complete the contemporary look of the building.

A long and narrow site with a strong slope along its shortest length provided the first of many challenges. Because of the slope, Netplex Plaza appears to be six stories as viewed from the west and five stories as viewed from the east. The road leading into the development provides direct access to a pedestrian drop-off at the building#s main entrance, one floor up from the entrance that serves on-grade parking on the other side. The main entrance also serves those coming from the level of structured parking to the south of the building. Fitting adequate landscaping and parking to the site was a challenge due to its narrowness and the proximity of numerous utility lines running through it and along its boundaries.

#### MANUFACTURERS/SUPPLIERS

DIV 07: Built-Up: Tamko; Metal: Petersen Aluminum.

DIV 08: Entrances & Storefronts, Metal Windows, Curtainwall: YKK AP America, Inc.; Metal Doors & Frames: Curries; Wood & Plastic

Doors: Marshfield DoorSystems, Inc.

DIV 09: Resilient Flooring: Armstrong; Acoustical Treatment: Armstrong; Gypsum Board: United States Gypsum.

DIV 14: Elevators: Otis.

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# **Estimate of Probable Cost**

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Prepared By:

Harbour Contractors, Inc. 215 West Main Street Plainfield, IL 60544

Fax:

Building Sq. Size: Bid Date: 267334 8/1/1998 No. of floors: 7 No. of buildings:

93.6

Project Height: 1st Floor Height: 12 1st Floor Size: 37528 Prepared For:

Fax:

Site Sq. Size: Building use: 239425 Office Foundation: CON Exterior Walls: CUR Interior Walls: DRY Roof Type: MEM

Floor Type: CON Project Type: NEW

		Project Type: <b>NEW</b>				
Division		Percent	Sq. Cost	Amount		
00	Procurement and Contracting Require	2.14	3.02	806,423		
01	General Requirements	12.81	18.03	4,820,568		
03	Concrete	19.43	27.36	7,315,381		
04	Masonry	1.78	2.51	670,284		
05	Metals	9.45	13.31	3,558,652		
06	Wood, Plastics, and Composites	0.20	0.28	75,295		
07	Thermal and Moisture Protection	1.03	1.45	388,040		
80	Openings	21.43	30.18	8,068,778		
09	Finishes	1.42	2.00	534,876		
10	Specialties	3.32	4.67	1,248,814		
12	Furnishings	1.26	1.78	475,540		
14	Conveying Systems	4.37	6.15	1,643,178		
21	Fire Suppression	2.02	2.85	762,128		
22	Plumbing	1.46	2.06	550,453		
23	HVAC	10.08	14.20	3,795,463		
26	Electrical	7.78	10.96	2,929,509		
Total Build	ling Costs	100.00	140.81	37,643,382		
02	Existing Conditions	2.93	0.30	72,946		
31	Earthwork	21.29	2.22	530,349		
32	Exterior Improvements	51.59	5.37	1,285,023		
33	Utilities	24.19	2.52	602,438		
Total Site Costs		100.00	10.40	2,490,756		
Total Proje	ect Costs	<b>-</b>		40,134,138		

# Estimate of Probable Cost Project Notes

Ha-Lo Headquarters - Aug 1998 - IL - Other

\*Niles, Illinois

\*Construction Period Nov 98 to Oct 00

#### Special Project Notes

The conceptual ideas about the Ha-Lo Headquarters deal with urban planning, function and technology. The building is arranged like a simple and clear diagram. Its components are placed in a logical, rational and constructed way. Interest is in engineering and performance, rather than design and style. The result is a building of maximum transparency. Transparency deals with light. Traditionally light has been directed at the material fabric of a building, illuminating the solid. At the Ha-Lo Headquarters they are moving into a realm, where light is the essence of the design. The building is luminous, not illuminated. The facade acts as a fabric which moderates the natural and the artificial light, it becomes a screen. The functions are within an adaptable envelope, which responds to the exterior environmental conditions and creates the desired interior environment.

The 7-story building establishes the desired identity at Touhy and Leigh. Projecting loggias from entries at both ends. Building, parking and warehouse are organized through the landscaping like a collage of shifted geometries.

The functions are placed around a 7-story open court. The low floors are loft-type offices. The top 2 floors are showrooms and executive offices around a 2-story skycourt. This clear stacking is readable at the entry facade and contributes to the building's transparency.

Technology is not added, it is an integral part of the design. Technology is not exhibited, but working towards meeting the building's functional, spatial and environmental goals. Technology is advanced, but more in the way that proven and tested materials and components are put together than through invention. Newness is achieved through the elimination of the inessential.

The only way architecture can be new today is through assuming responsibility for more than form and aesthetic. Responsible architecture has to control its environment through design not solely through added technical and mechanical systems. Otherwise technology becomes self-purpose.

Daylight, solar energy and the idea that the skin of a building modulates its own climate have not yet been integrated as essential components in commercial design. The inclusion of these methodologies is a desirable goal. Through this, we can rededicate ourselves towards our natural reflexes and intuitive actions. The result: Buildings with high technology and low energy.

This meets an "eco-tech" approach. A building in harmony between people, technology and nature.

#### MANUFACTURERS/SUPPLIERS

DIV 07: Skylights: ASI Advanced Structural Systems; Modified Bituminous Membrane: The Garland Company.

DIV 08: Curtainwall: Gardner Metal Products; Insulated Glass Units: Viracon; Structural Glazing: ASI Advanced Structural Systems; Low Iron Glass: Eckelt; Hollow Metal Doors: Curries; Sliding Fire Doors: American Metal Door Co.; Glass Revolving Doors: Boon-Edam; Wood Doors: VT Industries.

DIV 09: Ceramic Tile: Dal-Tile; Drywall, Metal Studs: United States Gypsum.

DIV 10: Access Flooring: Tate Access Floor; Toilet Partitions: Flush Metal Corp.; Toilet & Bath Accessories: American Specialties, Inc.

DIV 14: Elevators: Fujitec Co. Limited; Glass Cabs: Hauenstein & Burmeister Custom Cabs.

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## Office Building Cost Report

Project Name: Two Liberty Center

Model Type: Office, 5-10 Story, Precast Concrete Panel / R/Conc. Frame

Stories (Ea.): 9 Location: Arlington, VA

Story Height (L.F.): 12 Data Release 2005
Floor Area (S.F.): 180000 Wage Rate: Union

Basement: Not Included

Costs are o	derived from a building model with basic components. Scope differences and local market conditions can				n cause costs to vary.		
			\$Cost/	\$ Total	% Of		
			Per S.F.	Cost	Sub-Total		
A Substi					2.7%		
A1010	Standard Foundations		1.36	244,000.00			
A1030	Slab on Grade		0.45	81,000.00			
A2010	Basement Excavation		0.03	4,700.00			
A2020	Basement Walls		0.24	42,600.00			
B Shell					30.4%		
B1010	Floor Construction		13.01	2,341,000.00			
B1020	Roof Construction		1.36	245,000.00			
B2010	Exterior Walls		6.26	1,126,000.00			
B2020	Exterior Windows		1.69	303,500.00			
B2030	Exterior Doors		0.15	27,100.00			
B3010	Roof Coverings		0.44	78,500.00			
C Interio	rs				19.8%		
C1010	Partitions		1.77	319,500.00			
C1020	Interior Doors		1.38	248,000.00			
C1030	Fittings		0.63	112,500.00			
C2010	Stair Construction		1.24	223,000.00			
C3010	Wall Finishes		0.71	128,500.00			
C3020	Floor Finishes		5.47	985,500.00			
C3030	Ceiling Finishes		3.71	667,500.00			
D Servic	es				45.9%		
D1010	Elevators and Lifts		10.38	1,869,000.00			
D2010	Plumbing Fixtures		1.28	231,000.00			
D2020	Domestic Water Distribution		0.09	16,000.00			
D2040	Rain Water Drainage		0.04	7,975.00			
D3050	Terminal & Package Units		12.79	2,302,000.00			
D4020	Standpipes		0.08	14,500.00			
D5010	Electrical Service/Distribution		0.54	97,000.00			
D5020	Lighting and Branch Wiring		8.46	1,523,000.00			
D5030	Communications and Security		0.51	92,500.00			
D5090	Other Electrical Systems		0.41	73,500.00			
E Equipment & Furnishings					1.2%		
E1090	Other Equipment		0.93	166,500.00			
		Sub-Total	75.39	13,570,875.00	100%		
	GENERAL CONDITIONS (Overhead & Pr	25%	18.85	3,392,500.00			
	ARCHITECTURAL FEES	6%	5.66	1,018,000.00			
	USER FEES	0%	0.00	0.00			
	TOTAL BUILDING COST		99.90	17,981,375.00			

# **Garage Cost Report**

Project Name: Two Liberty Center

Model Type: Garage, Underground Parking, Reinforced Concrete / R/Conc. Frame							
Stories (Ea.): 4	Loca	tion:	Arlington, VA				
Story Height (L.F.): 10	Data	Release	2005				
Floor Area (S.F.): 130000	Wag	e Rate:	Union				
Basement: Not Applicable							

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Costs are derived from a building model with basic components.	Scope differer	nces and local ma	rket conditions can	cause costs to va	ıry.
		\$Cost/	\$ Total	% Of	
		Per S.F.	Cost	Sub-Total	
A Substructure				22.0%	
A1010 Standard Foundations		2.47	321,500.00		
A1030 Slab on Grade		2.33	302,500.00		
A2010 Basement Excavation		3.52	457,000.00		
B Shell				63.1%	
B1010 Floor Construction		10.00	1,300,500.00		
B1020 Roof Construction		9.27	1,205,500.00		
B2010 Exterior Walls		2.90	376,500.00		
B2030 Exterior Doors		0.12	15,600.00		
B3010 Roof Coverings		1.57	203,500.00		
C Interiors				2.0%	
C1010 Partitions		0.41	53,500.00		
C1020 Interior Doors		0.03	4,400.00		
C2010 Stair Construction		0.25	33,000.00		
C3010 Wall Finishes		0.05	6,725.00		
D Services				11.9%	
D1010 Elevators and Lifts		1.07	139,500.00		
D2010 Plumbing Fixtures		0.23	29,800.00		
D2020 Domestic Water Distribution		0.06	7,650.00		
D2040 Rain Water Drainage		0.62	80,500.00		
D3050 Terminal & Package Units		0.09	11,700.00		
D4020 Standpipes		0.07	8,650.00		
D5010 Electrical Service/Distribution		0.09	11,100.00		
D5020 Lighting and Branch Wiring		1.90	247,500.00		
<b>D5030</b> Communications and Security		0.32	41,700.00		
<b>D5090</b> Other Electrical Systems		0.04	5,800.00		
E Equipment & Furnishings				1.1%	
E1030 Vehicular Equipment		0.29	37,500.00		
E1090 Other Equipment		0.14	17,700.00		
	Sub-Total	37.84	4,919,325.00	100%	
GENERAL CONDITIONS (Overhead & Pr	25%	9.46	1,230,000.00		
ARCHITECTURAL FEES	8%	3.78	492,000.00		
USER FEES	0%	0.00	0.00		
TOTAL BUILDING COST		51.09	6,641,325.00		

# **Technical Assignment #1**

Nathanael Paist Construction Management Faculty Adviser: Dr. Messner Two Liberty Center Arlington, VA



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## **Technical Assignment #1**

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## **Executive Summary**

#### **Site Plan of Existing Conditions:**

- Vehicular traffic most critical along south side of the site
- Pedestrian traffic redirected away from east and west sides
- No available on-site parking

#### **Local Conditions:**

- Cast-in-place concrete structures and pre-cast concrete facades
- Reusable soils need to be shipped off-site and stored
- Small amounts of contaminated soils
- Long lead time on permitting by local County

#### **Client Information:**

- Investors led by a developer with focus on time and quality
- Phased occupancy schedule by floor
- Liquidated damages for occupancy delays

#### **Project Delivery System:**

- Modified design-bid-build with contractor negotiation during design
- Contractor under cost-plus-fee with guaranteed maximum price

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## **Site Plan of Existing Conditions**

(See Appendix 1.A for Site Plan Drawing)

#### **Site Conditions:**

Two Liberty Center is being constructed in downtown Ballston, a very rapidly developing and active section of Arlington County. The local conditions leave very little space for site activity and create potential complications with vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Vehicular traffic is most critical on the south side of the site, where the busiest adjacent street is, so the majority of site activity will need to take place on the east and west sides of the site or during the off-peak hours on the south side. Pedestrians are redirected to avoid the east and west sides of the site and provided with a covered walkway along the south side. Concrete jersey barriers line all sides of the site to protect the site and the pedestrians along the south side from vehicular accidents. There is no room for on-site parking, so contractors and site visitors need to make use of existing parking facilities in the area or take advantage of the close proximity to public transportation access.

## **Local Conditions**

#### **Regional Construction:**

The Arlington area falls into the trends of the Washington DC market because of the close proximity and shared contractors. These contractors typically build structures with steel reinforced cast-in-place concrete, and have recently seen a trend with pre-cast concrete panel exterior wall construction.

#### **Excavation:**

This site was excavated as part of a larger excavation for all three of the buildings being built on the same complex. There was very little ground-water encountered during the excavation, but some water was removed from the site using standalone pumps. The soils being excavated contained some areas of rock that created the potential for some concealed conditions costs, but this rock was found to be soft enough for standard excavation methods. There were also contaminated samples of soil discovered during the

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excavation. These contaminated sections of soil were removed from the site with minimal additional costs. Soil removal was a large portion of the estimated cost of excavation since there was not room on site or nearby for a stock pile. Soils to be reused were shipped to a remote location and stored until backfilling was ready to take place.

#### **Local Constraints:**

The governing local authorities added additional complications to the planning of this project. Permit review by the local county has an abnormally long lead time. This extended duration places emphasis on early completion of design to ensure construction will not be delayed by permitting. The local authority also places restrictions on the "noisy" working hours since this site is zoned for apartments as well as commercial and office. Noisy work can't begin on site until after 7am on the weekdays and 10am on the weekends. These restrictions limit the types of activities that can occur on the site prior to those times.

### **Client Information**

The owner of Two Liberty Center is an investor group led by The Shooshan Company, a full service real estate developing firm from the area. This building is being kept by the owner and will be leased to multiple tenants, so the owner is more involved and has a higher focus on quality than many other developers that focus on upfront savings. These expectations by the owner are exemplified in the high level of material quality being used in construction, including an efficient but slightly more expensive mechanical system as well as the high-end finishes for the lobby and entry areas.

There are already several floors of the building under lease upon completion so there is an aggressive move-in schedule being enforced by the owner. Tenant fit-out will occur in phases by floor and will overlap with construction activities on floors above the completed floors. The potential damages that the owner would incur should the occupancy schedule be delayed are included in the contract between the owner and the contractor as liquidated damages.

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### **Project Delivery System**

(See Appendix 1.B for Organizational Chart)

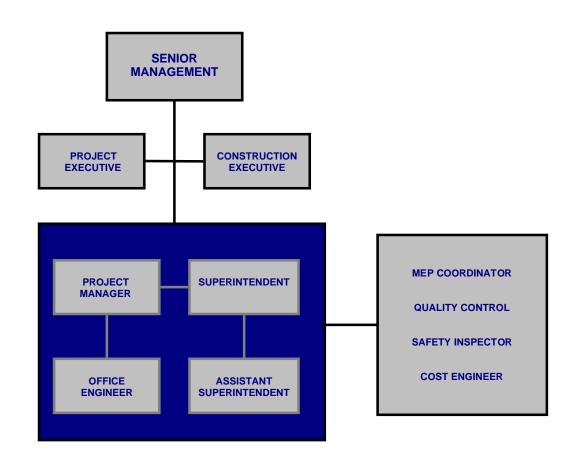
#### **Project Delivery Method:**

This project is being delivered under a modification of the traditional design-bid-build method. The contractor for this building was selected without bid by the owner and negotiated during the design phase. Negotiations included budgeting at several phases of design to assist the owner in making critical design criteria decisions. The contractor is being held under a cost-plus-fee contract with a guaranteed maximum price. After design was completed, the sub-contracts were released for a competitive bid and awarded based on lowest cost with most reliable scope.

## **Staffing Plan**

The following chart represents the staffing plan used by the General Contractor for Two Liberty Center:





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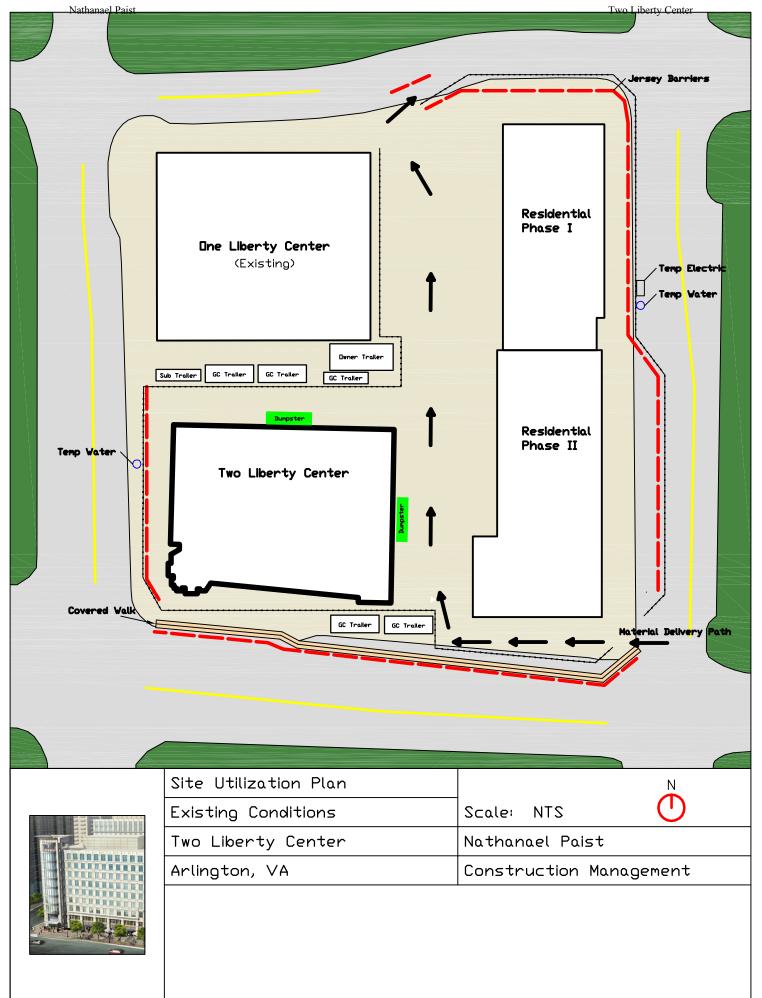
# Appendix 1.A

## **The Following Appendix Contains:**

- Site Plan of Existing Conditions



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