

Capital One Lecture Hall  
Sean C. Ehlers – Construction Management



*Capital One Lecture Hall*  
McLean, VA

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**AE Senior Thesis – Spring 2006**

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- Project Overview
- Research: Partnering for Value Engineering
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Location: McLean, VA

Function: Assembly Lecture Hall  
w/ Business Conference Rooms

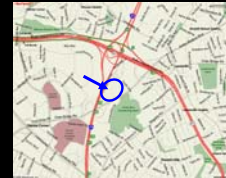
Building Size: 32,400 ft<sup>2</sup>. 2 stories above ground

Cost: \$15 Million

Construction Schedule: May 2005 – August 2006

Delivery Method: Design-Bid-Build

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Goals:

- Identify common inefficiencies and miscommunications between projects teams during the Value Engineering process
- Apply the common industry dilemmas to the Lecture Hall project
- Show that with proper interaction between project teams during VE, money, time, and quality can be saved

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Background:

- Value Engineering – methodical advance to improve the overall value of a product and accompanying services
- Partnering – management tool to improve quality and program, to reduce confrontations between parties, thus enabling an open and non-adversarial contracting environment

Survey Utilization:

- Key dates
- Sources of VE suggestions
- Satisfaction or displeasure within project team interaction

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Results:  
*VE Timing*

- Designers – 78% poor timing  
22% good timing
- GC/CM – 60% poor timing  
40% good timing
- Overall – 71% poor timing  
29% good timing

Chart #1: Project Teams in Timely VE Processes

Team	Good Timing (%)	Poor Timing (%)
Designers	22	78
GC/CM	40	60
Overall	29	71

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Results:  
*VE / Design Doc Timing*

- 25% DD – 15% good timing  
0% poor timing
- 50% DD – 8% good timing  
0% poor timing
- 75% DD – 8% good timing  
23% poor timing
- 100% DD – 0% good timing  
23% poor timing

Chart #2: Timely VE of DD Progression

DD Progression	Good Timing (%)	Poor Timing (%)
25% DD	15	0
50% DD	8	0
75% DD	8	23
100% DD	0	23

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Results:  
*Cut Cost vs. Value Adding*

- Designers - 75% cost cut  
25% add value
- GC/CM - 85% cost cut  
15% add value
- Overall - 80% cost cut  
20% add value

PE # Rathgeber/Goss Associates -  
"owner, developer, and GC are all from  
the same company, 95% of their  
decisions were made with the point of  
adding value"

Chart #3. VE Cost Cutting vs. Adding Value

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Results:  
*Sources of VE*

- Designers - 22% Owner  
22% Architect  
28% Engineer  
28% GC/CM
- GC/CM - 10% Owner  
26% Architect  
16% Engineer  
48% GC/CM

Mechanical Engineer - "I add  
unnecessary items which are  
removed during the VE process, so  
we look like we are contributing"

Chart #4. Source of VE Suggestions

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Final Observations/Recommendations:

Engineer Belief - GC/CM frequently  
propose cheaper building  
components at the cost of quality

Constructor Belief - VE can be  
avoided if Engineers maintain a  
level of VE during design

Earlier suggestions (50-75% DD)  
and more involvement is best

- Working toward common goals in a trusting environment with  
open communication is critical during VE
- Further studies to identify techniques in which project team  
interaction may be improved during the VE process is  
recommended

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Existing Steel Catwalk:

- 40 PSF LL / 20 PSF DL
- 70' long x 60' wide
- 18 tons
- bolted connections
- attached to trusses above



Alternate Systems:

- Aluminum?
- Fiberglass Reinforced Polymer (FRP)?
- Wood?



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Criteria:

- Strength capability
- Cost
- Lead time
- Construction time





Table #1. Catwalk Summary

Custom Material	Cost	Lead Time	Construction Time	Notes
Steel	15,500	3.5 weeks	4 weeks	Heavy
Aluminum	24,100	6 weeks	2 weeks	Corrosion
FRP	62,000	6 weeks	1.5 days	
Wood	35,100	3.5 weeks	2 weeks	Flammability

FRP Benefits:

- \$13,850 less
- 2-3 weeks lead time
- 2-3 weeks construction time



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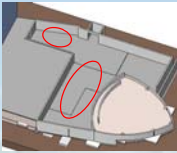
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Existing Mechanical System:

- 2 boilers
- 3 air handling units
- 2 separate rooms

\*Boilers:

- 67 gpm
- 1,336 MBtu/hr
- heating and hot water



Alternate Systems:

- Electric resistance heat coil?
- Ground source heat pump?

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Criteria:

- Heat supply capability
- Lead Time
- Installation Time
- Cost / Energy cost

Electric Heat Benefits:

- Boiler installation time
- Mechanical room space
- \$48,000 less

Table #2. Mechanical Summary

System	Capacity	Flow	Power	Cost	Notes
Boilers	132 gpm	1.31 MBtu/hr	400 kW	\$150,000	2 separate rooms
AHU's	132 gpm	1.31 MBtu/hr	400 kW	\$150,000	2 separate rooms
Electric Heat Coil	67 gpm	1,336 MBtu/hr	400 kW	\$48,000	1 room
Ground Source Heat Pump	67 gpm	1,336 MBtu/hr	400 kW	\$225,000	1 room
Electric Resistance Heat Coil	67 gpm	1,336 MBtu/hr	400 kW	\$225,000	1 room

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**Actual Schedule:**

- Construction photos

**Revised Schedule:**

- Same durations
- Re-sequence of work
- Shoring addition

**Considerations:**

- Work in opposing areas
- Wall close in around floor pours to add rakers

1	OM to Design Services	1 Day	May 07 2005
2	Excavate/Frame Elevated PM	3 Days	May 09 2005
3	Excavate/Frame Line 26-27 Footings	2 Days	May 11 2005
4	Excavate/Frame Wall #1 Cast-in-place Pier	2 Days	May 13 2005
5	Pour Elevated PM	1 Day	May 14 2005
6	Pour Wall #1 Cast-in-place Pier	1 Day	May 15 2005
7	Install Cast-in-place and Steel Wall #1	1 Day	May 16 2005
8	Wall #1	1 Day	May 17 2005
9	Pour Line 26-27 Pier	1 Day	May 18 2005
10	Excavate/Frame Wall #2	2 Days	May 20 2005

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### Actual Schedule

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June 6, 2005

← Foundation work began: Drilling for elevator hydraulic

→ Foundation work begins: Drilling for elevator hydraulic  
Excavation for 26-27 line footings

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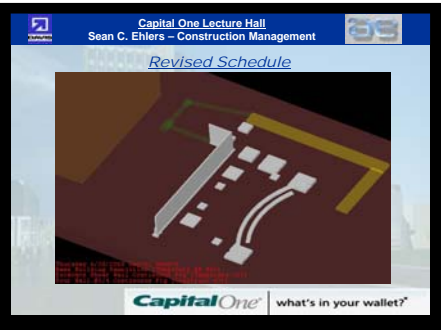
### Revised Schedule



June 27, 2005

← 26-27 line footings poured  
Frame & shore Wall #1

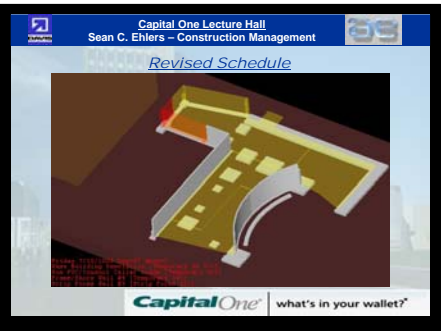
→ Curved wall footing excavated / poured  
Wall #3/4 footing excavated / poured  
Shear wall #2 excavated



July 15, 2005

← Footings #1-5 poured  
Wall #1 & 2 poured  
Curved wall footings poured

→ Curved wall poured  
Strip wall #2 / Frame wall #3  
Conduit run ground level

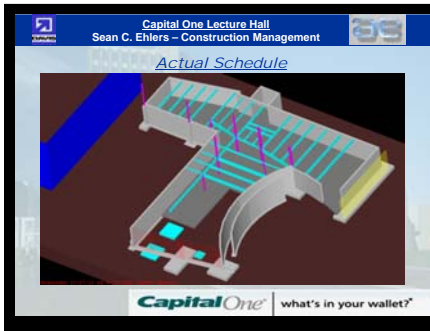
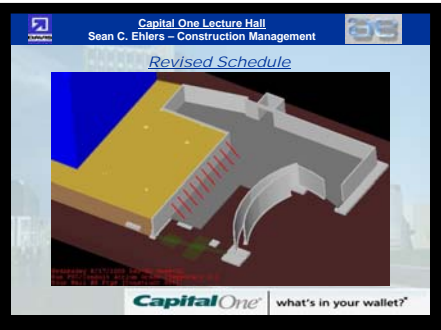




August 17, 2005

← SOG #1 & #2 complete  
Wall #3, #4, & #5 poured  
Strip / Frame curved wall

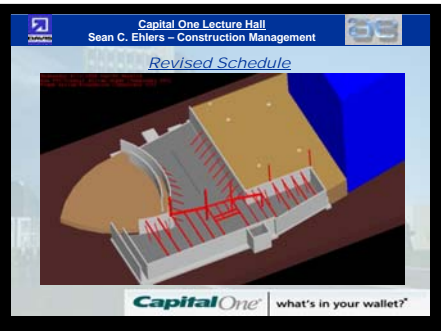
→ South rakers installed  
Garden atrium backfilled  
Atrium footings poured



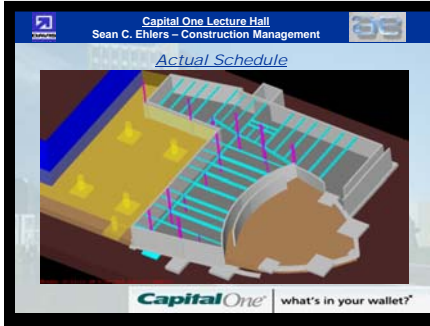
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← Wall #8 poured & stripped  
Steel set A-A.7 and BB-C lines  
Wall #9 framed

→ SOG #3 poured  
North rakers installed  
Auditorium nose backfilled  
Steel set A-A.7 and BB-C lines



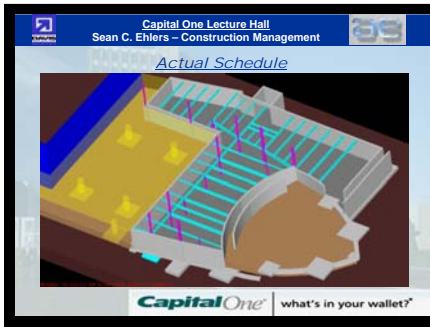
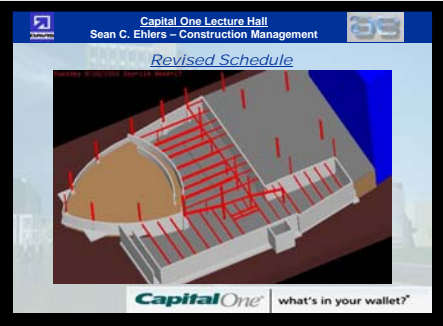




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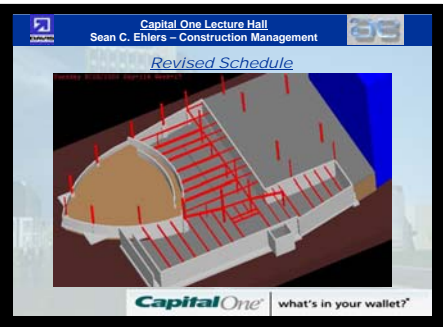
← Steel set C-DD line  
Garden atrium backfilled  
Run conduit atrium grade  
Nose work began

Auditorium nose forms stripped →  
Nose backfilled and steel set  
Foundation complete



Results

- Shoring estimate of \$11,000
- Reduction of 23 work days  
General Conditions savings of \$45,000
- Approximate savings of \$34,000
- Less concern of \$1,000/day charge to DAVIS for late turnover



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VE Item Summary:

FRP Catwalk - \$13,850 less  
2-3 weeks lead time  
2-3 weeks construction time

Electric Heat Coll - Boiler installation time  
Mechanical room space  
\$48,000 less

Foundation Shoring/Sequence - 23 day schedule reduction  
\$34,000 savings

Overall - \$96,000 project savings  
4-5 week schedule reduction

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Catwalk Calculations

<p><b>Steel Member Check –</b> Fy = 50 ksi E = 29e3 ksi</p> <p><b>Hangers (tension):</b> Tributary Area = 25ft<sup>2</sup> Stress = 0.27 ksi</p> <p><b>Girders:</b> W = 88 PLF V = w/2 = 1,100 lbs M = w<sup>2</sup>/8 = 6,875 ft-lbs Δ (DL &amp; LL) = 0.272 in &lt; 0.625 in Δ (LL) = 0.198 in &lt; 0.833 in</p>	<p><b>Aluminum Member Check –</b> Fy = 35 ksi E = 10e3 ksi</p> <p><b>Hangers (tension):</b> Tributary Area = 25ft<sup>2</sup> Stress = 0.77 ksi</p> <p><b>Girders:</b> W = 88 PLF V = w/2 = 1,100 lbs M = w<sup>2</sup>/8 = 6,875 ft-lbs Δ (DL &amp; LL) = 0.496 in &lt; 0.625 in Δ (LL) = 0.37 in &lt; 0.833 in</p>
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Boiler Calculations

<p><b>Boiler:</b> 67 gpm, ΔT = 40° F</p> <p><b>Sensible Cooling Load –</b> <math>Q = \rho \times m \times \Delta T</math> <math>m = V \times p</math> Q = 1,336 MBtu/hr</p>	<p><b>Electric Heat Coil:</b> Q = 1.08 x cfm x ΔT 1 kW = 3.412 MBtu/hr</p> <p>AHU-1 = 4,800 cfm SA = 77.5° F MA+OA = 48.9° F Q = 148.1 MBtu/hr kW = 44</p> <p>AHU-2 = 19,200 cfm SA = 75.8° F MA+OA = 43.9° F Q = 456.3 MBtu/hr kW = 194</p> <p>AHU-3 = 10,725 cfm...</p>
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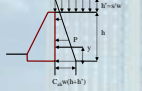
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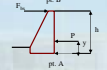
Shoring Calculations



$h' = s/w = 1.05 \text{ ft}$   
 $y = h/2 + 3hh'/3 = 3.28 \text{ ft}$   
 $P = 1/2 C_{us} w h (h+2h') = 2,997 \text{ lb/ft}$

**Assumptions:**

- Silty sands
- Active Soil Pressure = 45 lbs/sf
- At-rest Soil Pressure = 60 lbs/sf
- Backfill H = 9'
- Soil Surcharge (s) = 115lb/sf
- Soil Unit Weight (w) = 110lb/ft<sup>3</sup>
- Raker Axial Force = 8,500lbs



$F_{ax} = 1,093 \text{ lbs}$   
Axial load = 1,546 lbs  
Raker Spacing ~ 5-6ft o.c.

\*Nelson Design of Concrete Structures