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'Go West,' Says Client, and Lesco Lands in California

It may not be Hollywood, but it's as close as Lesco has come.

Lesco, in association with The Planning Partnership, has taken on yet another project for First Securities. And this one takes us for the first time ever to California.

The project consists of renovating 3,600 square feet of office space in beautiful San Luis Obispo. The result will provide more working space and upgraded amenities for the office staff. The renovation will produce 10 spacious offices, a handsome conference room, and a "cage" area with detailed mahogany woodwork, file room, work stations, and a break

room. The lobby renovation will feature an elegant chandelier.

The project is scheduled to be completed in September 2001.



Lesco Stopping The Water While Saving Huge Bucks in Virginia

Portsmouth, Virginia is the site and water penetration was the problem.

Lesco is underway with work there on a 25-story building after developing a creative and cost-saving solution to years of water penetration problems.

In fact, the building owner was contemplating the removal and replacement of the building's windows, at an estimated cost of \$750,000.

Working closely together, the building management, project architects, and Lesco arrived at a more reasonable and effective solution. After reviewing the building codes, the team agreed to test the sealing of the existing windows. Complete joint sealant and wet

glazing was performed to ensure a watertight envelope. Many hard-driving rainstorms later, the windows were watertight. While the windows are no longer operable, that is no different than most modern buildings.

Following the successful test, Lesco was contracted to complete the job by sealing all of the building's windows.

Solve problems. Save money.
Produce results. Satisfy the customer.
Can we solve a problem for you?

Lesco On The Road to See You

Seeing you – our clients – means going where you go. We hope you saw us, or will see us, on the road at these recent or upcoming trade shows:

BOMA International Show - Baltimore - June 17-19

Raleigh BOMA Chapter - October 1

Parking Assoc. of Georgia and Carolinas - Savannah - Oct. 17-19



First Union Branch Watertight for First Time in Years

Water, water, water. It goes places people cannot imagine and causes problems along the way.

Wilson, North Carolina is the home of the Forest Hills Branch of First Union Bank, and a handsome-looking building it is. But like so many buildings which look great on the outside, water damage inside was disrupting operations and causing headaches.

In the case of the Forest Hills Branch, Lesco determined that the lack of through-wall flashing was the

culprit behind years of water penetration.

The solution required Lesco to remove bricks around the window systems, install necessary flashing, and restore the brickwork to its original condition.

According to Rusty Parris, Lesco project manager, the crew was most proud that upon completion, there was no evidence that any work had been done at all.

Lesco is experienced at solving the most stubborn water problems.

North Carolina School District Roofs Getting Needed Attention

It's hard to teach children without a decent roof over their heads, and news stories from all over the country have focused attention on problems ranging from unhealthy mold to damaged classroom equipment.

The Gaston County, North Carolina school system has addressed their problems by bringing in Lesco to handle a roof maintenance

contract for 32 different school buildings within their district.

Recognizing and solving problems is the crux of the contract, which includes maintenance items such as repairing split and damaged roof membranes; installing scuppers and downspouts; unclogging drains, downspouts, and gutters; trimming trees; repairing wall panels; and caulking windows.

Lesco people worked their hardest through the summer to have Gaston County schools ready for opening day.



Clemson Stadium In Shape for Another Season

Death Valley is the name by which it's best known, and when it comes to getting Clemson University's Memorial Stadium ready for another football season, Lesco is proud to take care of the details.

Lesco recently completed a concrete patching and sealant repair project in the upper deck of the north stands at Clemson's mammoth stadium.

- The scope of work included:
- replacing all vertical sealant joints at panel connections
 - patching spalled concrete at panel

connections with an aggregate epoxy mixture

- replacing the main upper deck expansion joint - 9.5 inches wide and 212 feet long.

When the enthusiastic crowds fill the 81,473 seats on fall Saturdays, they probably won't notice the work Lesco completed. But the Lesco people among the fans (and there will be quite a few) will know that it was work which required experience, proper materials, and proper installation.



Lesco put extensive stadium experience to work to ready Clemson's Memorial Stadium for another football season.

Lesco Undertakes Major Restoration of New Orleans Hotel

Look out for Lesco in "The Big Easy," because we are on the job.

Lesco has been awarded a contract for the restoration of a prominent New Orleans hotel. The Fairmont Hotel is located on the corner of Baronne and Canal streets, just a couple of blocks from New Orleans' French Quarter and Bourbon Street. The hotel was built in 1907 and houses 700 guest rooms and suites.

The restoration includes



approximately 2,100 linear feet of brick shelf angle, masonry removal and replacement, as well as approximately 32,000 square feet of stucco

replacement and elastomeric coating.

Lesco was chosen for the work because of other work of this same nature completed on the Hilton Hotel in Brentwood, Tennessee.



Law Engineering and Environmental Services served as exterior wall consultants on both projects. The project began in July and is scheduled to finish August of 2002, according to Don Ford, Lesco's project manager.

The project also brings with it a Lesco first, as we break ground on a new on-line project tracking system.

The system gives instant information to track the progress on the project to the hotel's owners in New Orleans, the project engineers in Denver, and to Lesco management in Spartanburg.

The system is just the latest way to keep Lesco clients informed – a Lesco commitment since our founding in 1975.

Daniel High School Completes Big Job on Small Stadium

Just a few miles up the road from Clemson's 80,000 plus seat football stadium lies Daniel High School, a hotbed of high school football in South Carolina. Lesco recently wrapped up a major upgrade to the school's stadium.

The project covered five months from start to finish. The scope of work included:

- pouring a three to four inch concrete overlay over the existing concrete seating areas, and
- adding an additional 360 seats on each end of the seating sections

Accomplishing these improvements meant the pouring of 560 cubic yards of new concrete.

Daniel Lions fans will be sitting pretty on fall Friday nights.



Daniel High football fans will discover major improvements to their Central, South Carolina stadium after a five-month project by Lesco.

A Message From Our President

I bet you didn't know...

Most of our newsletters emphasize our restoration and waterproofing services. Did you know we also have a maintenance division that provides maintenance and small construction services over our 12-state area?



**Toby Chapman,
President**

For instance, Lesco has 10 strategically placed

warehouses stocked with plywood, generators, drinking water, and fuel. We have years of experience dealing with facility protection and recovery from storm damage, vandalism, and vehicular damage.

We can also act immediately to meet your expectations regarding employee and building safety. We are well versed in documenting damaged sites with digital photographs and descriptions. This allows you to have the best possible record for claims against third parties or their insurers.

Lesco also performs security and safety lighting surveys for many sensitive operations involving after-hours employees and customers. These measurements are taken with certified light meters by trained technicians.

So whether you are updating your capital budgets for next year or just need us for one of those unusual irritating odd jobs, we are available 24 hours-a-day.

So don't go looking for someone new to handle that job. Ask Lesco.

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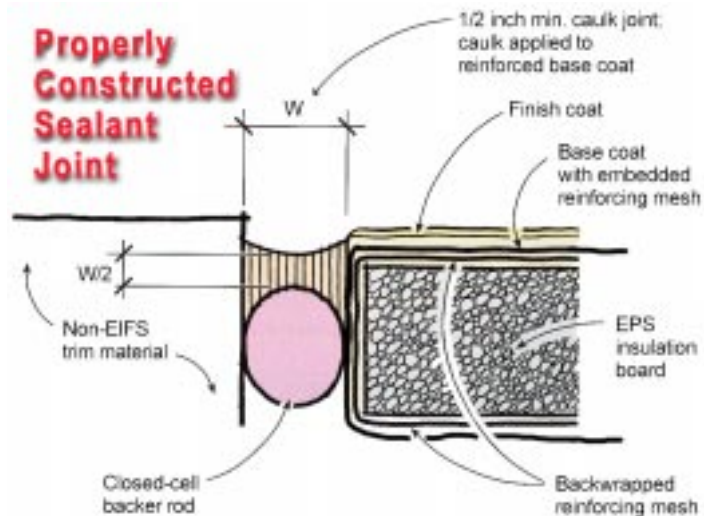
EIFS Finishes MUST Be Repaired Correctly

Experience. Nothing replaces it, especially when it comes to EIFS.

Over the years, Lesco has repaired numerous buildings with synthetic stucco systems which go under the name "EIFS." The newer drainable EIFS systems do work much better than the original design, however like any other exterior finish, EIFS can and will develop problems if not properly installed.

If you manage a building (or own a home) with EIFS systems, watch out for incorrect installation.

Whenever EIFS meets another material, a properly constructed sealant joint should be installed. This



joint should be a minimum of one-half inch wide. A correctly tooled caulk bead has a concave shape that is about twice as wide as it is thick. Most caulking will not stick to insulation board, so a base coat and mesh must be backwrapped around the end of the insulation.

Look for exposed mesh or cracks in

the finish. Also, if it is dirty or discolored, be careful when you clean it. Most EIFS can be damaged with a pressure washer.

Finally, if it needs to be cleaned, caulked, repaired, or replaced, Lesco can help. Call us at 1-800-669-5950, and allow us to put our experience to work for you.

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