

Diamond Blade Warehouse Moves To New Headquarters

Platford is proud to have provided construction management services to Diamond Blade Warehouse for its new headquarters in Vernon Hills, Illinois. Diamond Blade purchased a 27,980 square foot building that required interior demolition and renovation of the existing layout to meet the company's office and warehousing needs.

Platford used its experience and creativity to value engineer this project by analyzing the most economical methods of design and construction. By integrating existing ductwork, electrical feeds, underground plumbing, walls, acoustical ceilings, and fire sprinklers, Platford was able to come in under budget at the project's completion.

The most challenging aspect of the project was the short timeframe Platford was given to complete the construction. Diamond Blade had to vacate its existing facility and be moved into the new building by April 7th. Platford received the building permit on January 25th and the certificate of occupancy on April 4th. Only 70 days of construction on a 27,980 square foot buildout!

"Platford had their backs against the wall from the beginning with the short turnaround time," says Al Mansfield,

president and owner of Diamond Blade Warehouse. "However, in a day when many may fail, Platford got it done. They did an excellent job with this project. I am very pleased with our new facility, and I would recommend them to anyone."

The scope of work was highlighted by the following: upgrading the fire protection system, installing new high efficiency heating and cooling units for the entire building; cutting in new exterior windows for added office light; enclosing an existing open truck dock area; installing new lighting and fans in the warehouse; construction of a 3,500 square foot sales bullpen area with exposed spiral ductwork and painted ceilings; granite floors, walls, and countertops in the main entry and washrooms; and installation of large sidelights in the front walls of the perimeter offices.

"This was a high pressure project for us, but very enjoyable. We thrive on trying to surpass clients' expectations," says Kris Merritt, Platford partner and project manager for the Diamond Blade job.



Platford partners Travis Wiersma (far left) and Kris Merritt (far right) stand with Al Mansfield, Owner/President of Diamond Blade Warehouse, and Jon Hartmann, National Sales Manager, in the new sales bullpen area.



The Platford Philosophy:

Our commitment is to provide our clients and partners with the highest quality construction product. This commitment is built on a foundation of trust and honesty. Our reputation has been earned through our belief in these personal and corporate values. We believe the quality of the end product is determined by the integrity of the process. At Platford, we transform values into assets.

Following is a list of completed and current Platford projects:

Completed Projects

The Chiropractic People

Geneva, Illinois

A 1,500 square foot interior office buildout for the practice of Dr. Nathan Conroy. Dr. Conroy took occupancy on April 23rd. It was an honor to provide our construction services to Dr. Conroy, as this was his first experience with a building contractor.

Washington Street Retail Center

Waukegan, Illinois

General contracting services were provided to BPJ Development for the construction of a 9,200 square foot retail center.

Hey & Associates

Volo, Illinois

Three years ago, Platford constructed Hey's new 3,800 square foot office space. As a result of continued growth in the water resources consulting

business, Platford assisted Hey with an 1,800 square foot expansion in April.

AthletiCo

Hoffman Estates, Illinois

We are very proud to have provided our general contracting services to AthletiCo for a second time. We constructed a new physical therapy center inside of the Prairie Stone Sports and Wellness Center, a part of the Hoffman Estates Park District.

Current Projects

Associated Research

Lake Forest, Illinois

Platford is the design/build contractor for a 12,640 square foot addition to Associated's current building. The project also includes remodeling the existing office and warehouse facilities.

Volo Crossings

Volo, Illinois

Platford is working on the planning and

development of 13.5 acres of retail/commercial land in the Volo Commerce Center. Work entails the installation of sewer and water, reconfigurations and improvements to current roads, site grading, and the phase one construction of approximately 50,000 square feet of retail space for sale or lease.

Sylvania Commerce Center

Racine, Wisconsin

Platford is currently completing tenant improvement work on the second building of this three building office/warehouse complex.

E&J Precision Machining

McHenry, Illinois

A 12,545 square foot design/build project on a vacant parcel in Platford's McHenry City Center development. E&J is an existing Platford tenant in Volo.



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