



Hyatt Regency Hotel & Conference Center

The Hyatt Regency Hotel and Conference Center opened for business the first week of July, 2000. The eleven-story, 186,000 square foot hotel with 331 guestrooms and specialty suites is a short drive from downtown Pittsburgh, and is adjacent to the Pittsburgh International Airport. The hotel offers a 9,000 square foot ballroom for receptions and large gatherings. In addition, the hotel also boasts a 1,500 square foot health club facility with an adjoining indoor pool.

Sidley's contract consisted of manufacturing and installing approximately 415 architectural panels. The precast panels were manufactured in Thompson, Ohio and were shipped to the site and installed by Sidley erection crews. Sidley worked with Kimball Architects and the Dick Corporation. From the early stages of design, there were concerns surrounding the panel configuration with regards to the budgeting constraints of the project. However, Sidley resolved these issues by manufacturing a light sandblasted exterior product that included a shutter on each side of the window panel. These panels also included a number of reveals that added to the aesthetics of the panels. The owner was pleased with Sidley's willingness to provide viable solutions to the design and cost concerns that were raised.

Erection for this project began October 1999 and was completed April 2000. Sidley and the cast in place contractor for this project cooperated to meet the tight scheduling requirements. This cooperation was necessary to ensure proper installation of the embeds in the cast in place concrete. Sidley erected the panels by installing channels to the embeds which allowed for the necessary connection. The majority of the panels were erected with a triple-seven conventional Manitowoc crane. This crane's boom could not exceed 250 feet, due to the overhead air traffic at the airport. Occasionally, a second crane was used to erect in areas with limited space.



Hyatt Regency Hotel during Precast erection of window boxes.

Architect

L. Robert Kimball &
Associates, Ebensburg, PA

Contractor

Dick Corporation,
Pittsburgh, PA

Owner

Dauphin Co., General
Authority, Harrisburg, PA