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Spider's Expertise Earns Contract for Façade Maintenance System on Blackfan Tower, Boston

Seattle, WA - Spider, a division of SafeWorks, LLC, has been awarded the contract to provide the complete façade maintenance system on the new Blackfan Center for Life Science Tower in Boston.

This new \$250 million biomedical research center, developed by Lyme Properties, LLC, will be located in the heart of Boston's Longwood Medical Area, surrounded by other world-renowned research facilities. The 18-story, 700,000 square foot glass and steel structure will make the Blackfan Tower the tallest life science building in the area and will become a noticed addition to the Boston skyline.

Despite its functionality and aesthetic appeal, the Center for Life Science Tower presented a variety of architectural challenges to façade maintenance designers. Spider's experienced engineering team was able to confidently address these challenges and offer a comprehensive solution that surpassed the customer's needs. First, a crane style building maintenance unit with a fixed mast and hydraulic luffing boom will be installed on the rooftop to overcome the high, sloping parapets. Catwalks with davits, sockets and a self-powered platform will be implemented to address differing elevations of the adjacent roof levels. A mullion guide track-based system will stabilize the platform to the façade as the angulation changes, providing a safe working environment for those using the system. All elements of Spider's innovative design combine to form a user-friendly system that will safely achieve access to all areas of the façade.

Spider is thrilled to take part in construction projects that will positively impact the surrounding community, as the new Center for Life Science Tower will.

Spider's contributions to this project will be completed in December 2006.

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About Spider:

Founded in 1946, Spider, a division of SafeWorks, LLC, created the powered suspended access business by introducing the well-known Spider basket. Since then, our product and service offering has expanded greatly to serve the needs of an ever-growing marketplace. Spider is the largest manufacturer and distributor of access and safety solutions in North America, serving more customers from more locations with a wider variety of products and services than any other company. From baskets, traction hoist and platform rental, to safety and training, to specialty engineered products - Spider has a strong team of professionals, along with a national network of sales, service and support capabilities to provide you with the most reliable access solutions available.

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