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Spider Enables Access for Chicago Convention Center

Seattle, WA - As the successful bidder on Chicago's McCormick Place West expansion, Spider, a division of SafeWorks, LLC, is in the process of supplying the interior and exterior access systems for the project. The \$849 million convention center expansion project is being managed by McCormick West Constructors, LLC, a consortium including Clark Construction Group, LLC and Hunt Construction Group, LLC.

The McCormick Place campus has long been a popular conference destination for businesses in America and around the world. The addition of the McCormick Place West building will further enhance Chicago's premier convention center with sixty-one meeting rooms, a ballroom and a state-of-the-art exhibition hall all set in a square building configuration with a central atrium area. This design will enhance the exhibition experience through closer proximity of registration areas, meeting rooms and the exhibition hall.

The majority of Spider's access solution is an extensive monorail system designed to provide access to this unique atrium area as well as the exterior façade. Throughout the project, Spider has addressed a number of unique challenges. First, as an addition to an existing structure, our engineers designed a system that functions on the new structure as well as the old. In one instance we developed a creative solution for an area of the building where the elevations expand and contract, an access challenge that is truly unique to the project. Additionally, to meet the compressed schedule, Spider demonstrated flexibility by collaborating with McCormick West Constructors to utilize existing steel embeds to match our system.

Spider projects to have all equipment supplied and installed for this valuable customer according to schedule.

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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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