



The Josephinum Apartment Building Masonry Restoration – Seattle, WA

Contractor: Elite Construction

Project Scope: The customer required external access to the 14-story landmark apartment building in downtown Seattle for masonry restoration work.

Challenges:

- The cornice was 4 ft wide and 12 ft below the top of the parapet, making it impossible to safely and stably get standard rental equipment close enough to access the building’s façade.

Solutions: In just one week’s time, Spider designed and produced a custom solution that consisted of two 30-ft offset platforms powered by SC1500 traction hoists and equipped with a modified counterweight beam to increase stability and a custom head on the walk-thru stirrup. This allowed the entire platform to be on the inside of the suspension rope and provide complete access to the wall and underside of the cornice. Rigging was accomplished by gantry outriggers on the roof.

Customer Testimonial:

“I’ve been a customer of Spider for thirty-three years,” states Don Watson, Foreman with Elite Construction. “I was confident they could solve the unique access challenges the Josephinum building presented, and they have once again exceeded my expectations. I’ve partnered with John Zemlin, Spider’s District Sales Representative in Seattle, for over twenty years, and he, along with their experienced team of engineers, delivered an ideal solution where competitors fell short. Spider has enabled our crew to work safely and comfortably.”



About Spider:

Founded in 1947, Spider, a division of SafeWorks, 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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