

RENOVATION BEGINS FOR HIGHLAND BAKING



Meridian Design Build LLC has begun demolition and extensive renovation work on an existing 250,000 square foot building acquired by Highland Baking Co, located at 2301 Shermer Road in Northbrook.

The facility will replace Highland's existing facilities in Lincolnwood. It will serve as the main production facility for all their baking, distribution, cold storage, and general administration needs. Scheduled for completion in spring 2007, the facility is the former site of the H.J. Heinz Co.

The facility, built in 1971, requires extensive selective demolition, code required upgrades, re-roofing, process floor improvements, and customized mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and process piping upgrades to accommodate the new use as a bakery. Highland Baking specializes in bread and bun development, frozen bread items, co-packed breads and buns, and fresh route delivery in the Chicagoland area. Many of their clients include national chain restaurants, airline foodservice, large bakeries and hotels.

Larry Gamm, project manager, and Fred Jennings, general superintendent, are handling the project for Meridian Design Build. The architect is Dobrin + Associates Ltd.