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## **Meridian Design Build Selected for Cicero Renovation**

Meridian Design Build has been selected by C.R. Laurence to coordinate the renovation of a recently acquired 90,000 square foot manufacturing facility, at 5501 W. Ogden Avenue in Cicero, IL.

An extensive amount of interior demolition work and reconfiguration is planned to improve overall flow within the facility. This work will make room for updated employee facilities such as plant restrooms/locker rooms, lunchrooms and plant offices.

Interior walls and ceilings within the plant area of the 1950's era building will be painted and new energy efficient lighting fixtures will be installed to create a brighter work environment. An outdated electrical service will be upgraded to meet current code requirements. Additional electrical distribution panels will be installed to accommodate reconfigured manufacturing lines.

Extensive remodeling/renovation work will also be completed within existing office areas including installation of a modern heating/cooling system, installation of new plumbing fixtures, and replacement of corroded galvanized water lines. Other work to be coordinated by Meridian within the facility will include installation of new air-bag style dock levelers and new wrought iron fencing and gates at the employee parking area.

The project is being completed on a design/build basis with the assistance of Itasca based Heitman Architects. Ryan Brandush, Project Engineer, and Tom McNett, Senior Superintendent, are handling the project for Meridian Design Build.

"We completed a 75,200 square foot build-to-suit on a design/build basis for C.R. Laurence at NorthWest Corporate Park in Elgin in 2006 and are pleased to be able assist them in bringing this newly acquired facility up to their corporate standards," said Howard Green, Executive Vice President at Meridian Design Build.

C.R. Laurence is the glass industry's leading North American source for the supplies and equipment that help shape and improve the three-dimensional world of glass. The company's customers include the automotive restyling, architecture, and construction industries.

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