

Fibrominn Biomass Power Plant, Benson, MN

In September 2005, DCCI was awarded the contract to erect the structural steel, stairways, handrails and grating of the Boiler Building for the **Fibrominn Biomass Power Plant**. Our customer for this project is a local contractor, Scheck Industrial. The design builder for this project is SNC-Lavalin Power out of Vancouver, Canada.

Located in Benson, Minnesota, the building is 132' long X 104' wide X 145' high containing 2,200 tons of structural steel. Upon completion, this facility will use turkey waste as its renewable fuel source to produce electrical power

DCCI mobilized to the project and began erection in October 2005. Using limited space and a very aggressive schedule, DCCI erected the building in 4 months, despite many changes. To erect all this steel, DCCI was supplied a Linkbelt 300T truck crane with 170 feet of main boom and 40 feet of jib, and a Manitowoc 2250 crane with 220 feet of main boom and 60 feet of jib for the upper tiers. After DCCI topped out, Scheck changed the configuration of the crane by adding a maxer to erect the equipment, giving the crane 140 feet of main boom and 100 feet maxer.

The steam drum, which DCCI erected, weighed approximately 80 tons and was 56 feet in length. DCCI had to use creative means to lower the drum inside the structure, including the use of our own 80T crawler for a two-crane pick.

DCCI employed about 35 people. Superintendent Doug Calkins and General Foreman Van Stott did a wonderful job addressing all the daily challenges of a complicated structure to make this a successful project.



Chicago News

It is great to be a part of a successful project and the **McCormick Place West Expansion** has been a successful job for DCCI. McCormick Place is Chicago's premier Convention and Exhibition Center. This is the fourth building that will be in use. DCCI's Rich O'Brien and Alex Mitchell began working on budget estimates some 2 1/2 years ago for this project. The present schedule has us coming back mid-summer to erect the last of the 32,000 tons of structural steel required for the project. Almost 3 years from start to finish.

DCCI mobilized in November of 2004. We had our own Manitowoc 999 crawler crane from start to finish and supplemented with two Manitowoc 2250 crawlers and one 150 ton Link Belt crawler crane. The manpower peaked at 115 people including Ironworkers, Operators, Surveyors and Field Engineers and our subcontractor, Delgado Erectors. We had three raising gangs for 10 months, two raising gangs for 17 months and are presently finishing with one raising gang. We had the Link Belt crawler crane assembling some of the 278 trusses required on the job for about 8 months.

Ironworker General Foreman, Frank Samargin led the charge with Foremen: Bryan Clementi, Jim Topor, Todd Koedyker, Dan Crowe, Jeff Barnum, Nick Krajac, Tony Grossi, Joe Lobianco and Larry Ferris. Vice-President, Bill Hanson handled the project management role. Matt Guillotel made his debut into full-time status as the Field Engineer (Matt interned with DCCI during his Gopher days). Bob Pierce was the full-time safety man and this project has an excellent safety record!

Some vital statistics: 16 acres under roof, 32,000 tons of structural steel; 278 roof trusses including: twelve-180 feet long, sixteen-150 feet long, and 117-120 feet long. The heaviest trusses weighed a little over 100 tons. The last vital statistic: 132 jobsite visits by O'B O'Brien.

DCCI simultaneously erected the 9000 ton **Prentice Women's Hospital** in Chicago. It also was a successful project for DCCI. Dave Budzius was the Project Manager for DCCI and guided it in "on-time and on budget". Matt Johnson (another Gopher) helped Dave as Field Engineer.

From the Corner Office



This week Danny's Construction Company celebrates its 36th year in business! I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your contributions to our success. Our employees are our greatest asset and it is your talent and professionalism that keeps my phone ringing with future sales leads.

Right now the construction market for projects in the power industry is very active. We are targeting work in this market and the experience level of our employees is what our clients are looking for. We are also working proactively to address safety and training issues for this type of work. I am proud to relay that we have numerous very satisfied customers looking to enter into future projects with us on their team.

The customers in this market are voicing concerns about the predicted shortage of skilled craft workers. We are happy to hear that because Danny's Construction's specialty is providing skilled, professional construction services. I believe this is an excellent time to recruit talented people into the ironworking industry and think about updating our old training methods.

Keep up the great work and thank you for working for Danny's Construction Company today.

Employee Spotlight



Danny's Construction is pleased to welcome Pat Murphy to our team. Pat is the newest member to the Milwaukee office as an Estimator.

Pat grew up in Wisconsin and attended the University of Wisconsin at Platteville where he obtained his degree in Civil Engineering. He has 25 years of experience in various industries including being a Field Engineer for Hensel Phelps Construction Company in Colorado and Wyoming. He also worked with a Milwaukee Fabricator for 5 plus years before his 10 years working with a steel erector in southeast Wisconsin.

Currently, Pat is active as a Management Trustee for the Ironworker Apprentice Training Program for Local 8 in Milwaukee. He has been active in other professional groups over the years including the American Society of Civil Engineering and the American Institute of Constructors.

Away from work, Pat spends time with his wife, Carrie and eleven year old son, Chris. Coaching youth basketball and being an avid Packer fan occupies Pat's time as well. Pat is very excited to be part of a company that is involved with so many landmark projects.

Please help us welcome Pat to Danny's Construction Company!

135,000 Man Hours Without A Lost Time Injury!

News from the **Mitchell Plant** jobsite in West Virginia by Keith Bannatyne, DCCI Site Safety Representative.

DCCI is installing two Selective Catalyst Reduction Units (SCR's) at the Mitchell Power Plant in Moundsville, West Virginia. DCCI started this project in February of 2005 and ironworkers from Local #549 under the supervision of Mike Fraley and Dave Locklin have erected over 4,200 tons of steel without a lost time injury. The project is about 65% complete and the jobsite is embracing the STAR Safety Program (Stop, Think, Act and Review).

It is DCCI's intention to provide, maintain and enforce a safety program that will return all of our valued employees safely home to their families at the end of every shift.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate and brag about the West Virginia crews for their professionalism and outstanding safety history on this project.

Where is

Have you ever wondered "Where are they now? Here is the latest location of several of our co-workers:

Matt McDonald, Epic Systems Training Ctr. Verona, WI
Doug Calkins, Fibrominn Plant, Benson, MN
Charlie Roberts, Stillwater Mills, Stillwater, MN
David McStott, King Plant, Stillwater, MN
Keith Bannatyne, Mitchell Station, Moundsville, WV
Joe Colley, Mitchell Station, Moundsville, WV
Mike Fraley, Mitchell Stations Moundsville, WV

Fun Fact:

Which DCCI employee was on a plane that was hijacked to Cuba in 1983?

Answer: Willie Mizell