



RHODES TOWER MODERNIZATION



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Update

TEST GLASS INSTALLED IN WINDOWS

Installation of new test glass in the existing window frames on the south side of the 12th floor of the Rhodes State Office Tower has been completed. The test glass consists of five panels of 70, 80 and 90 solar-rated panels. The higher the rating number, the darker the glass appears and the greater its thermal efficiency.

The windows, which are marked 1 through 5, can be compared from both inside the building and from across Broad Street to determine which glass achieves the best balance of aesthetic considerations versus energy efficiency. Tenants of the Rhodes Tower will be invited to vote for their preference in the spring of 2018.

ENGINEERING TEAM KICKOFF

The kickoff meeting of the project's full engineering team was held Nov. 13. The meeting included an in-depth review of the information learned during the entire "design assist" process of the project to allow a finalization of the projected work procedures and final determination of the project scope. These determinations will allow the design team to begin formulation of the guaranteed maximum price with Turner Construction, the primary contractor for the project.

FALCONS

Protective netting has been installed on the 41st floor to discourage the peregrine falcons from nesting at Rhodes again next spring. This is necessary to ensure the safety not only of the construction workers on the Rhodes but also the falcons. During their nesting season and for some time after the chicks hatch, the falcons are more territorial and aggressive with intruders. That aggressiveness poses a larger threat to the workers and ultimately a greater danger for the birds.

The nest box has been relocated to the 31st floor of the Riffe Center in an effort by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to rehome the falcons away from the Rhodes Tower project. It appears that the relocation of the falcons nesting area to the Riffe Center is working, so far. The truest test of the success of the relocation will be in the spring when the falcons are preparing for the nesting season.