

Chicago State University, Science Center
9501 South Martin Luther King Jr. Drive; Chicago, IL



Client: Chicago State University
Architect: Frega Associates, Ltd.
Role: General Contractor

This facility is an 8,500 square foot instructional and research laboratory addition to Chicago State University's Williams Science Center.

The greenhouse facilities on the third level of the addition added visual interest by capping the addition with a "gem-like" glass roofline. Construction was performed while school was in session so International Contractors, Inc. coordinated equipment and supply deliveries with class schedules to optimize safety and limit disruption to school operations.

Challenges included drilling for caissons as close as 5 feet from the building and the installation of specialized and timed equipment and irrigation systems for the third level greenhouse. International Contractors, Inc. also upgraded the 1960's utility gas service to accommodate the new addition.

The project received the Madigan Award for the most "Outstanding New Construction" project selected by the Illinois Capital Development Board and the "Merit Award" for Construction under \$5 Million from The Chicago Board of Congress.



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