



## **Corus Bank Data Center Chicago, IL**

During the winter of 2008, International Contractors, Inc. completed a new 44,000 SF operations center for Corus Bank. The project included a back of house operation facility, corporate offices and a Data Center.

Having outgrown their existing location, and finding the electrical system was no longer able to function an acceptable level, it was imperative that Corus was in a new facility by the summer of 2008.

ICI began construction in February and completed the project on schedule in June. Open communication flow and weekly meetings with the entire project team, including the Owner / Architect / Engineers and Subcontractors, were essential in keeping the project on track.

Diligent coordination with the owner's vendors was also key to the success of the project. The owner's direct vendors included an FF&E contract with work stations for over 100 employees, a high-tech security system and the Data Center equipment. The Data Room and Communications Rooms had to be turned over to the contractor installing the Servers by April 2008. This date was critical because the data from the existing facility needed to be down-loaded to the new facility before the air conditioning became an issue.

For security purposes the project is located in a discrete industrial park. However, upon entering the building you are met by Glass Conference Rooms, Alumavault Acoustic Ceilings and Offices that include Maple Wainscoat and Glazed Walls. Office spaces were mocked up during the rough stage with MEP locations for Bank approval prior to proceeding with construction. This allowed for easy changes prior to installation of the finishes.

**Client: Corus Bank**  
**Architect: YAS Architecture, LLC.**  
**ICI Role: Construction Manager**

### **Corus Bank Challenges**

1. Additional Scope of Work added through Owner Requests including
  - a. 12 ASI's
  - b. 24 PR's
  - c. 8 Addendums
2. Aggressive Schedule
3. Unforeseen Slab Conditions
4. Coordination with Multiple Owner Subcontractors
5. Change in City of Chicago Certificate of Occupancy Application

### **Construction Timetable**

Feb 08 Start  
June 08 Completion

### **Owner Install of Data Center & Security System Equipment**

April 08 Start  
June 08 Completion

### **Owner Install of FF&E**

May 08 Start  
June 08 Completion



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