

US Bank, formerly Firststar Bank Numerous Locations throughout Chicagoland



Client: US Bank Corporations
Architect: Various Architects
Role: Construction Manager

For eight years, International Contractors, Inc. served as Construction Manager for Firststar / US Bank. Project completed include ground-up construction, interior/exterior renovations, ATM installations and drive-thru lane conversions. Often, ICI was retained early on in a project in order to prepare budgets and schedules and ensure on-time and on-budget delivery.

ICI's experience with banking equipment encompasses ATM's, vault systems, audio communications, underground/overhead drive-thru pneumatic systems, remote transaction systems, drive-thru transaction windows and transaction drawers. Many ICI coordinated vault installations have been modular systems, using both reinforced concrete bases and thick steel bases.

In Fox Lake, ICI's team used directional boring to place 300 feet of PVC tubing underground as a conduit for data and power cables servicing an ATM kiosk.

At the Austin Avenue location, bullet-proof glass was required in drive-thru windows and throughout the facility.

Communications and security systems within the cash vault completed in 2003 were especially complicated due to the deterioration of the building's roof and parking lot. These ICI projects have required creative solutions to keep projects on-budget and on-schedule while keeping facilities operational.

For more detail on these projects and others, please see the following page.



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Niles Addition

The Firststar Bank in Niles, a Design/Build renovation and addition project, demonstrated ICI's capability of producing a total gut/rehab and addition within an operational drive-up facility during the winter months, in just 15 weeks. After the project was bid to subcontractors, the project cost was below the Guaranteed Maximum Price. The bank decided to enhance the appearance of the building by adding a tower entrance. After enhancements, the actual cost of the building was still below the original estimate. In the facility, the modular vault was installed between two existing walls. The base of this vault was poured in place and reinforced with two layers of rebar mesh.

Chicago's Austin District New Construction

ICI constructed the new Firststar Facility in the heart of Chicago's Austin District on Madison and Laramie. The new, 2,660 SF, one-story brick building opened in the winter of 1997 and features a "community room" for ongoing education workshops presented by Firststar Bank in conjunction with community-based organizations. Preliminary budgeting was completed from conceptual plans for this free-standing bank. At the time of bidding, the construction cost was within 10% of ICI's initial budget and the project completed with a 3.5% savings to the Owner.

Oak Park Interior Renovation

Built at the turn of the century, this busy bank was in need of new interior finishes: carpet, woodwork, drop ceiling, lighting and more. ICI completed the renovations while the bank remained open.

Firststar Illinois Records & Operations Center (FIROC) Relocation/Renovation

International Contractors, Inc. relocated the Records and Operations Center for Firststar Bank from Westmont to Cicero Avenue in Chicago. This 25,000 SF, fast track renovation was completed in less than 4 weeks. This location houses record data for over 40 Firststar facilities in the 6,000 SF data/computer room. Conventional copper telephone lines, fiber optic lines and cable all come in from the outside and are routed to a central room in the building. The lines are brought through 2 other tenant spaces to their final connection in the FIROC space, requiring careful coordination.

Mundelein Interior Build-out

Interior build-out consisting of a new teller line, new offices, complete flooring and new concrete at the exterior drive-thru.

Rosemont Interior Build-out

This project was a fast-track, interior build-out consisting of new millwork, offices with glass front panels and new flooring throughout the 3-floor bank facility.

Bolingbrook Interior Renovation

This interior renovation encompassed 5,000 SF and was completed with the bank remained open and operational.

Elmhurst, Spring Road Interior and Exterior Renovations

This was an Interior and exterior renovation of an existing bank satellite facility. The alterations consisted of new drive-thru islands and all exterior concrete work. The project also included the repair of leaks on the lower level.

Elmhurst, York Road Interior and Exterior Renovations

ICI's team provided considerable value-engineering to bring this project within Firststar's budget. Exterior renovations included a general facelift along with additional parking, a new ATM and new drive-thru equipment. Interior modifications are highlighted by a new teller line, extensive HVAC work and new finishes throughout.

US Bank Cash Vault:

Security is paramount within this 11,000 SF facility, and it is provided through several measures. The building's windows are 2" thick with Level 3 bulletproof glass, and the walls are 12" solid, masonry to 10'. Mantrap systems restrict unauthorized access. The interior vault is panelized concrete on 5 sides, with a 1" metal plate underneath. Ninety-eight interior and exterior cameras record every activity in and around the facility.

The mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems were delivered under design/build contracts with the awarded subcontractors. One existing AC unit is now supplemented by two new units, in addition to compressors serving specialized currency sorting equipment. Within an industrial park, the facility had previously been office space but stood unused for a period of time. The roofing, which had fallen into disrepair was replaced and new concrete stormwater retention cisterns were installed beneath the parking area. The parking area itself was then repaved.



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