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Our work up to this point in April has included external sheathing, commencement of masonry work, metal stud and wall erection on the first floor and metal stud layout on the second floor. We have also poured the stairwells on both the north and south sides of the building. Internally we are nearing the completion of the installation of in wall copper for plumbing, HVAC ductwork, and our electrical raceways. We are in the beginning stages of coordination of equipment and furnishings. We are approximately 11 months away from substantial completion (scheduled for March 2012), with a grand opening date to be determined.

The balance of work for the month of April looking ahead to May will include the installation of our curtain wall and store front windows, roofing and storm sewer relocation completion.

Looking ahead on schedule to May and June, we have the backfill of the retaining wall critical path item of sealing the building envelope. At this point in the project development we can test for permanent power, test air conditioning units, and commence the interior wall and ceiling work.

In the area of inclusion, we have community based business working in the divisions of masonry, drywall and plumbing. We have experienced challenges as well as successes. Our challenges have been in the area of capacity building on a short time frame. Our success is related to the exposure to the commercial construction industry for some of the smaller community based businesses who would have otherwise not had an opportunity to work on project of this
scope with the level of insulation and the relationship building between smaller and larger subcontractors which has subsequently spawned opportunities for some of the community based businesses that have participated in this project.

We will continue along the current path of development to deliver a quality project for the north Tulsa community. Thank you for your support.

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