



# United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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The Capitol Visitor Center project was recognized by the Washington Building Congress with several 2008 Craftsmanship Awards at a ceremony earlier this month. Teams of skilled tradesmen were recognized for displaying exceptional skill in their fields, including door and hardware fabrication, skylight design and installation (pictured above), exterior hardscape installation, and stone masonry.

## **This Week – Ongoing Work – 4/21/08 through 4/25/08**

- Throughout the CVC, technicians continue final acceptance testing on the facility's complex fire and life-safety systems. This process is still on schedule to be completed this summer.
- Plaster ceiling work is ongoing at the Crypt level in the East Front of the Capitol.
- Glass workers have installed some of the corner glass panels to the south exterior elevator on the CVC Plaza.
- Landscapers have planted hundreds of small plants along the north entrance pedestrian ramp.
- Landscape restoration work continues in the South "Egg" as crews continue to prepare the grounds for sod.
- Painters, carpenters, plumbers, masons, electricians, cleaning crews and other professionals continue to address punchlist items throughout the facility.
- Masons have removed floor stone near the entrance to the House Expansion Space to clear the way for electrical and telecommunications conduit to a House Appointments Desk at that location.
- Terrazzo work is complete in the House stairwell atrium. Masons continue to reset the stair-tread stones in the Senate stairwell atrium.
- In the pedestrian tunnel to the Library of Congress, terrazzo floor work is progressing from the CVC eastward to the LOC. Masons have begun setting base stone on top of the newly placed terrazzo along the tunnel walls.
- Metal workers are installing bronze cap plates at the base of bronze railing posts throughout the CVC.

- In the Exhibition Hall, some panels along the back alcove walls have been removed temporarily to clear the way for installation of fire suppressant materials.
- Audio-visual technicians have begun re-installing the speakers that are situated behind the projection screens in the North and South Orientation Theaters.



The high-quality installation of monumental interior wall stone and marble, as seen here in the CVC's Emancipation Hall, earned the CVC one of 11 craftsmanship awards sponsored by the Washington Building Congress in a ceremony earlier this month. Technical skills of the teams responsible for electrical and fire alarm systems installation, and plaster work were also honored with Craftsmanship Awards.

## **Next Week – 4/28/08 – 5/2/08**

- Technicians will continue the final testing process for the CVC's complex fire and life-safety systems. This work will continue into the summer.
- Outside, landscape crews will continue to level the grade of the South "Egg" and prepare the grounds for sod placements and plantings. Other plantings will continue along both the north and south entrance ramps.
- Punchlist work will continue throughout interior spaces as millwork, wall stone, floor stone, grout lines, painted surfaces, ceiling panels, plaster work, doors, and other finish materials are inspected and deficiencies corrected.
- Masons will continue grout work and other stone detail work at the Rotunda and Gallery levels in the East Front of the Capitol, while metal works continue installing bronze railings.
- Terrazzo work may begin on the landings in the stairwell atrium in the Senate Expansion Space.
- Terrazzo work will continue in the LOC tunnel progressing from west to east.
- Landscapers will continue executing the final tree and shrub planting plan along the CVC entrance zones. Two new trees were planted along the north entrance ramp last week.