HANGING SCULPTURE, MULTI DISCIPLINARY COMPLEX
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA, TAMPA, FL

SHEET METAL CONTRACTOR: METALFAB, INC.,
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This project, by MetalFab, Inc., consisted of designing and fabricating this striking hanging sculpture that fills the stair well in the Multi Disciplinary Complex, at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

The customer, the staff of the USF, requested a sculpture described as “something along the lines of wings or birds.” The folks at MetalFab then designed this sculpture which is 36 feet in length and has 460 wings or birds in four different colors of green, silver, yellow and blue attached to chains.

The MetalFab craftsmen had to draw the entire sculpture in CAD to get all of the birds spaced evenly and the colors assorted properly. Time was one of the challenges that had to be overcome as the sculpture had to be installed before the start of the new school year and the customer kept making changes to the materials and colors. MetalFab was able to meet the time frame required and the result was striking and gives a visual focus to the stairhall.

Materials used for the sculpture were all stainless steel. The sculpture was hung using steel, angle-mounted to the concrete roof. Turnbuckles were installed in the ceiling with cable to adjust the height of the sculpture. Stainless steel ceiling tiles were affixed to the ceiling of the stairhall which further focuses attention on the sculpture and gives a finished look. Then, a mirror-finish hanging grid was attached and the birds affixed to chains which hang down in the vertical space. The birds were made from aluminum and painted with automotive two-part paint with a clear coat.

The finished sculpture is stunning and exceeded the expectations of both the company and the customer.
The Hillel Faith Center consists of 19,223 square feet of new construction and is scheduled for completion in September, 2013. Construction is in full swing on the first and second floors of the Northview Student Housing Building at the University of Central Florida, which, when finished, will offer conveniences such as a commercial kitchen, café and dining area, theater, group meeting room, offices and conference rooms. Also included in the project scope are a game lounge, seating, lounge, snack room, break room and new restrooms.

The Hillel facility will have a modern, “Google-inspired” theme and is designed to house creativity, social action, student leadership development and help bring Jewish activities to the community. Student activities will include interest in politics, campus government, the environment, issues for children, pollution, Israel and international affairs.

The HVAC portion of the project, performed by McDonald Air and Sheet Metal, Inc. consisted of the fabrication and installation of 8,000 square feet of fiberglass duct, exposed spiral and metal exhaust duct, grease exhaust, and 12 split air conditioning systems. 5,000 hours in the shop and field were required to complete the project.

Ralph Carver, President of McDonald Air and Sheet Metal, Inc. gave special thanks and recognition to the Douglas Company’s Project Managers, Matt Higgens and Jonathan Wilkes, and Superintendent, Kevin Spicer. He also recognized McDonald Air and Sheet Metal’s Project Manager, Mike Hess and Job Superintendent, Donnell Williams.
Lapin Sheet Metal Company, Inc., continues to work for Disney Textile Services on Tunnel Washer #4.

The project consisted of adding a new washer and dryer for Isle 4 at Disney Textile Services. Work included ductwork for seven intakes, seven exhaust stacks, and two lint collector stacks.

As with their previous work for Disney Textile Services, Lapin had to coordinate ductwork to miss laundry bags and rails so as not to hinder peak operation time at Textile Services.
At the recent SMACNA Council of Chapter Representatives Meeting in Chicago, Allison Fee, Project Manager, reported on ongoing SMACNA technical projects.

**HVAC Systems Commissioning Manual**
- Maintains three levels of Commissioning:
  - Level 1 – Basic Commissioning
  - Level 2 – Comprehensive Commissioning
  - Level 3 – Critical Systems Commissioning
- “Retro” and “recommissioning” will be removed (Commissioning is an ongoing process.)
- LEED requirements are referenced in the manual.
- The ANSI process is being finalized with ANSI Accreditation expected in June 2013.

**Sound and Vibration Procedural Guide**
- Technician guidance for field applications.
- Release is scheduled for summer 2013.

**Round Industrial Duct Construction Standards**
- Main revision is the incorporation of temperature reduction factors for carbon steel.
- Aluminized steel was added.
- Flange connections updated.
- Aluminum Table-gage references updated to identify sheet thickness by its nominal decimal equivalent.
- Currently pursuing ANSI Accreditation.
- Scheduled for release 4th quarter 2013.

**Total Systems Air Leakage Test Manual**
- Need for SYSTEMS AIR LEAKAGE TEST – because of greater focus on commissioning and “whole building performance”.
- Provides a “Method of Tests”.
- Establishes acceptable leakage criteria.
- The manual is jointly sponsored by ASHRAE.
- Will pursue ANSI Accreditation.
- A task force is working on it which is comprised of SMACNA, ASHRAE and AHRI members.
- A draft for task force review was due in late May.

**Residential Comfort Systems**
- Revising in recognition of all the new building code requirements.
- Installation standards for residential heating and cooling systems.
- Includes hydronic and radiant systems.
- Service criteria.
- Will pursue ANSI Accreditation.
- Public review will commence in Fall 2013.

**Energy Systems Analysis and Management**
- Update to newer technologies.
- Retrofits enhancements for existing buildings.
- Includes Energy Auditing and Assessment.
- Non-ANSI document.
- Public review will commence in late Fall 2013.

**HVAC Duct Construction Standards**
- Task force has been formed and will meet in Summer 2013 to develop the scope for the next edition.
- Current ANSI document.
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- Guide for Steel Stack Construction.
- Guidelines for Roof Mounted Outdoor Air-Conditioner Installations.
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- Residential Sheet Metal Guidelines.
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- Guidelines for Change Orders
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- HVAC Duct Construction Standards - Metal and Flexible.
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- Round Industrial Duct Construction Standards.
- Thermoset FRP Duct Construction Manual.

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- HVAC Systems - Applications.
- IAQ Guidelines for Occupied Buildings Under Construction.
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