



Minitab Headquarters

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Initial Thesis Project Summary

Minitab Headquarters is an 88,000 SF, four-story office building with a total cost of approximately \$14M. The building will house Minitab, Inc. general offices and executive offices. Preconstruction services began in January 2001 with construction commencing the end of June 2001. Anticipated completion of the project is October 2002 with tenant occupancy scheduled for October 30, 2002.

Alexander Constructors, Inc. serves as the construction manager. The architect is Michael C. Haluga of State College. Mr. Haluga faced a particular challenge with this project as the largest building he had designed prior was the current home of Minitab, Inc. which is 37,000 SF; less than half the size of their new home. This challenge also extended to the construction process, as many unforeseen difficulties have arisen throughout construction.

This impressive facility boasts an exposed basement (referred to as the Garden Level), an atrium with glass elevators and waterfall, approximately 430 offices, twelve conference rooms, a theater, exercise area, game room, and a landscaped walking labyrinth. The exterior alternates pre-manufactured EIFS panels and glass ribbon windows. While the heart of the building is typical of an office building, these special features serve to set the building apart and make visiting a truly unique experience.

I am currently employed by Alexander Constructors, Inc. as a project engineer at The Colonnade in State College. I was interviewed at Minitab by Mr. Steve Wilt, the project manager on the project. Steve has proved to be very willing and excited to share information with me. The project engineer, Jamie Horner, has also gone to great lengths to ensure that I am provided with all necessary information.