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## NorthPark Center

Location: Dallas, Texas  
Builder: Whiting-Turner  
Architect: Omniplan  
BT Supervisor: Kyle Caviness  
BT Project Manager: Tony Bailey  
Scope: Drywall, metal framing, acoustical ceilings, batt and thermal insulation, GFRG beams/fins and shaft wall systems.

This 2006 expansion for NorthPark Center added 735,000 square feet to the existing facility. BakerTriangle began work in April 2005 and was substantially completed in May 2006. BT estimator Michael Kirk worked through numerous value engineering exercises for the general contractor and with a suggestion of using GFRG in lieu of fabricated compressed cellulose saved the owner over \$300,000.

BT crews installed more than half a million square feet of gypsum board, eight miles of drywall trim, and 650 vertical fins at the clerestories. Design changes in the early stages of construction caused delays in structural steel arrival. BT compensated by rotating two crews on 10 hour shifts working six days each week to meet the schedule milestones. Even with the accelerated schedule BT recorded no lost time accidents while working 105,563 man-hours.

