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UT Dallas Student Services Building

Location: Richardson, Texas
Builder: J.E. Dunn Construction
Architect: Jacobs Engineering Group
BT PM: Tony Bailey
BT Estimator: Jim Hatch
Scope: Interior and exterior dri-design wall panels.

This marks the first project by BakerTriangle where the entire exterior skin consist of Dri-Design Panels, over 30,000 square feet. J.E. Dunn opted to have us field measure rather than hold to architectural dimensions. Field measurements and panel release was done by elevation so that panels were in production while we were finishing field installation on the other elevations. Panels are made of Anthra-Zinc, which is a natural material that doesn't require paint or finish, and natural color change will occur as the panels age.

The Student Services building had many challenging architectural designs. Two columns were designed with compound angles, requiring our layout and installation to begin from the outside corners. Also, BT crews worked with another subcontractor to make sure the Z-furring channels were properly located.

Even facing various obstacles along the way, the installation of the Dri-Design Panels were installed on schedule. Two shifts were utilized, overtime and weekend crews were necessary to meet the aggressive schedule. The owner took possession of the building as scheduled.

