



Holland Construction begins work on SIUE indoor softball practice structure

EDWARDSVILLE, IL – The new indoor softball facility currently under construction by Holland Construction Services Inc. is a homerun for Southern Illinois University Edwardsville’s athletic department. The project, now in its early stages, will provide much needed practice space for the Cougars softball team out of inclement weather while helping to boost the department’s recruiting efforts.

Rich Walker, assistant vice chancellor for administration, said Holland Construction has been very responsive in answering pre-construction questions and adhering to the university’s construction requirements.

“Holland has been very cooperative in getting work ready to begin, and I fully expect them to live up to their excellent reputation throughout the process,” Walker said.

Sandy Montgomery, associate director of athletics and head softball coach, said practice time for the softball team will be much improved with the new building, enabling the team to be more competitive at the Division I level.

“To have a facility like this near our outdoor field that will enable us to have a full team practice inside will be a great improvement and definitely enhance our recruiting possibilities,” said Montgomery, who has been an SIUE coach for 24 years.

Located just west of the softball clubhouse, the \$736,000, 11,664-square-foot building is expected to be ready for use in January. The indoor training center will include two batting cages and suspended nets, three practice mounds and a small field with synthetic turf.

The architectural firm for the project is Oates Associates of Collinsville, Ill.

Holland Construction Services is a full-service contracting and construction management firm based in Swansea, Ill., guided by the principle of delivering total customer satisfaction. Celebrating its

silver anniversary this year, the company has been providing quality construction throughout Missouri and Illinois since 1986, when it was founded by Bruce Holland.

HCS offers design/build, general contracting and construction management services to commercial, retail, healthcare, senior living, light industrial, recreational/athletic and educational clients. The firm is a member of the U.S. Green Building Council and provides guidance in certification in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). In 2010, *The St. Louis Business Journal* ranked the firm as one of the top 20 contractors in the St. Louis area. For more information, visit Holland's web site at www.hollandcs.com

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