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## Jobs in Progress

- Rice University-Gonzales & Segatori Research Lab Renovations
- Rice University-Greenbriar Building Renovations
- Robert & Lonnie's Tenant Build-out

## Awarded Projects

- Brazoria County Museum Restoration
- St Stephen's United Methodist Church-Fellowship Hall Renovation
- St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church-New Parish Hall
- Holy Family Roman Catholic Church
- St. Stephen's Catholic Church
- High Tech Finishing

Welcome to this quarter's edition of Zenith Construction's Z-News. Rather than reporting on completed projects I would like to discuss future projects Zenith has been awarded. Z-News will also highlight two recently published AGC Reports on the construction outlook for 2007 and the material and labor price changes in 2006 and expected changes in 2007.

Currently, Zenith has been busy working on two Rice University projects: Dr. Gonzalez & Dr. Segatori Research Lab Renovations and Greenbriar Office Renovation. You may recall the Greenbriar project is the one with the new ductless air conditioning system we highlighted in the last issue. Included below are photos of the progress that specifically show the dual air ceiling system. Above the enclosed upper ceiling is the return air plenum and between the upper and lower ceiling grid is the supply air plenum. If you are interested in visiting the site to see this new technology, just call me to schedule a visit.

Zenith has also been very busy with presentations to churches to provide construction services for their upcoming work. Since our last Z-News, Zenith has been awarded St. Stephens Catholic Church Addition and Holy Family Roman Catholic Church New Parish Life Center, which means we will have a total of five worship facilities to start this year! In addition, Zenith has been awarded a project with High Tech Finishing to construct a new two-story office building.

All of you will be interested in the AGC reports I mentioned earlier. They provide very interesting reading. Go to the Construction News section below and click the links to get you there. I believe you will find the construction outlook for 07 and the material and labor price reports very informative.

As always, we thank you for your patronage, your support, and contribution to our success.

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## **CONSTRUCTION NEWS**

Click this **AGC hyperlink to access the [2007 Market Forecast](http://www.agchouston.org/files/2118_2007_Market_Forecast.pdf)** or copy and paste [www.agchouston.org/files/2118\\_2007\\_Market\\_Forecast.pdf](http://www.agchouston.org/files/2118_2007_Market_Forecast.pdf) into your internet browser

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## **CONSTRUCTION HUMOR**

**Q: What's the difference between a contractor and a puppy?**



**A: The puppy will stop whining after about six weeks.**

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## **DID YOU KNOW?**

**Zenith Construction also does historic restorations?**

The Brazoria County Museum Renovation & Restoration is slated to start in June 2007. The museum building is known to be the oldest public building still in existence in Brazoria County. This structure is on the National Register of Historic Places, a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, and a State Archeological Landmark. In the past we have renovated many historical buildings on Market Square in downtown Houston, and we restored the Houston Fire Museum. The work we do for the University of St. Thomas also involves renovations to historic buildings and structures.

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## **PROJECT IN PROGRESS**

**Rice University Greenbriar Building Renovations dual ceiling installation in progress**



These photos show a good view of the upper and lower ceiling installation. The 12" space between the finish ceiling level is the supply plenum of the system. Above the upper ceiling is the return air plenum. The bottom two photos show the actual air distribution devices that are laid-in and are completely moveable for future renovations. The devices shown are a conditioned supply and return air boot. The devices plug together with cable similar to computer cable. If the space is remodeled in the future, the supply and return devices can be relocated within the grid system, without the need for new ductwork, simply plugged back together.



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