



# Construction News

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## Summer Construction Heats Up



**From  
Ground  
Breaking To  
Completion  
in 99 Days:  
Northern  
Tool &  
Equipment**

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## New Store Delivered in 99 Days for Northern Tool

With more than 12,000 products, Northern Tool & Equipment Company is billed as "the ultimate source of tools and equipment." Northern Tool reaches its customers through mail order catalogs and its website. Headquartered in Burnsville, MN, this dynamic company also has more than 40 retail stores in ten U.S. states.

The latest addition to retail stores is a newly constructed 25,000 SF building in Grand Prairie, Texas. Construction for this new store began in February, 2004 and was completed in early June. Bob Moore Construction

was the general contractor, working with architect JKLA, Inc. out of Mission, KS. The property owner is Centdev Properties in Cornelius, NC.

The new store features a large open area with shelving for thousands of products. The building also houses administrative offices, a maintenance facility and an employee break room. The store is finished in the company's blue and white color scheme, with a large decorative

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façade at the front.

"I'm very impressed with the building," said Brian Graham, Construction Project Manager for Northern Tool & Equipment. "Everything looks excellent. The front façade really looks great. We've already received several comments on it."

"The schedule was the biggest challenge," said Curt Hellen, Senior Project Manager for Bob Moore Construction. "To deliver the building on time we went from ground breaking to completion in only 99 working days, while encountering 22 lost days due to weather. Our team of subcontractors was superb. Thanks to their efforts, we were able to deliver a quality building on



schedule and within budget."

"The schedule was very important to us," Graham said. "Curt did an excellent job of working with the subcontractors, coordinating and organizing everything to work together and get it done on time."

To meet the completion date, the participants used a variety of time-saving tactics. "This project was an experiment for us," said Robin Broocks, Director of Project Management, Centdev Properties. "Instead of using the normal submittal process, we got everyone together - Northern Tool, the subcontractors, Bob Moore - and had a submittal party. Everyone from subcontractors to designers to owners took part. That worked very well, having everyone together, working through it very quickly."

"This was also the first time we've used tiltwall construction on a Northern Tool project," Broocks added. "I'm happy with how well it worked, and how fast it was. It was amazing how quickly the building went up. I was impressed with how Curt managed the process and coordinated with everyone. Everyone at Bob Moore was very professional."