



## Company News

### JEB Awarded the Newest Development on Baltimore's Inner Harbor

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PEDRICKTOWN, NEW JERSEY – J.E. Berkowitz, L.P. (JEB) of Pedricktown, New Jersey will be fabricating insulating glass for “Charm City’s” crown jewel, Baltimore’s Inner Harbor East project. The upscale Harbor East development consists of the new world-headquarters for Baltimore-based Legg Mason and the Four Seasons Hotel & Residences. The “sister” towers of Legg Mason Tower, 24-stories, and the 44-story Four Seasons Hotel & Residences were designed by the nationally-acclaimed architectural firm of HKS Hill Glazier Studios (formerly Hill Glazier Architects) of Palo Alto, California.



The \$600 million Harbor East complex, developed by H&S Properties Development Corp., will provide 400,000-square feet of Class A office space to Legg Mason, a 240-room Four Seasons Hotel with a limited number of luxury condos, a 1,200-car underground parking garage and a retail hub with various merchants and four fine dining restaurants. The towers will sit atop brick and glass podiums with large floor-to-ceiling windows, many five-feet by nine-feet-seven inches, to maximize natural day lighting and show an expansive view of the surrounding harbor. The Legg Mason Tower will be receiving a LEED®-CS (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Core & Shell) pre-certification from the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) based upon the green design principles and strategies to be employed on the project.

John Hill of HKS Hill Glazier Studios said of the design intent that, “The project was always conceived of as one unified complex and the form of the two towers were dictated by the urban planning requirements...and to respect view corridors both from within and from other adjacent towers.” Both towers were originally slated to be built for hotel and condo use until the City of Baltimore contacted the developer to see if Legg Mason’s needs could be accommodated. Steve Fotiu, a project architect with HKS Inc.,

said that the design was then further evaluated and modified to meet Legg Mason's chief concern for floor plan flexibility, to be able to reconfigure office spaces when needed.

JEB will be fabricating over 555,000 square feet of insulating units for the complex featuring PPG Solarban 60 glass. A grey ceramic frit will be used for the coordinating spandrel units to obscure the non-vision areas between floors. Robert E. Price, director of sales at JEB says, "Each unit will contain heat-treated glass fabricated with minimal roller-wave distortion and bow and warp; both will be controlled to tolerances better than the industry recommendations and standards. Better control of both of these measures produces flatter glass, and a more aesthetically pleasing building overall."

The glass on the project will be fabricated over a nine month period in Pedricktown, New Jersey and shipped to Trainor Glass of Riviera Beach, Florida for unitizing before being installed on the jobsite. Legg Mason Tower is scheduled to open in 2009, followed by Four Seasons Hotel and Residences in 2010. "When delivery deadlines are tight on projects like this, we continuously strive for excellence in our processes and product quality," says Robert E. Price. "We will continue to take glass fabrication to the next level with challenging monumental projects like that of Harbor East."

#### **About JEB**

With over 87 years of experience, J.E. Berkowitz is a premier, independent architectural glass fabricator of insulating glass, tempered glass, laminated glass, spandrel, silk-screened glass, heat soaked glass, all glass entrances and point-supported glass wall and canopy systems.

#### **About Trainor Glass Company**

Trainor Glass Company, headquartered in Alsip, Illinois, is a leading fabricator, unitizer and contract glazier for both exterior and interior construction projects. It is also a second-generation, family-owned company in its 55<sup>th</sup> year of operation with 14 locations and 600 employees throughout the United States.

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