



THE EAST GRAND RAPIDS Public Works Complex recently underwent extensive renovation and expansion. Courtesy Wolverine Building Group

Public Works Complex done ahead of schedule, under budget

The new East Grand Rapids Public Works Complex located off Reeds Lake Boulevard was the site of a \$1.2 million project that included an extensive renovation to the existing 17,200-square-foot building, as well as a 6,000-square-foot addition.

The Wolverine Building Group team was able to cut the project schedule in half by coordinating with city workers to move them into temporary office space on site during construction.

According to Wolverine's Danielle Wells, working on the unoccupied building allowed the contractor to expedite construction and finish the project months ahead of the original completion date of June 2011. In turn, the early completion date also helped the city spend less of the allocated budget for the project.

The city employs 16 people in the public works department who recently moved into the new complex. The renovated portion

of the building houses a wood shop, parts storage, and a garage to store city maintenance vehicles such as snowplows, street sweepers and dump trucks. The addition includes the city's new vehicle service center, a mezzanine for storage, an office area, sleeping accommodations for third-shift employees, showering facilities and a full kitchen.

Wolverine is also beginning renovation work on the city's salt storage facility, Wells said.