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## **Pittsburgh's Mellon Client Service Center Showcases Wausau's New Unitized Curtainwall System**

Wausau, Wis. – Mellon Client Service Center, Pittsburgh, was one of the first buildings to showcase Wausau Window and Wall Systems® unitized curtainwall system.

“If you stand in downtown Pittsburgh, you are literally surrounded by our products,” said Wausau regional sales manager Merle Glaser. Nearly all of Wausau’s contributions to the city have been made through a close, long lasting relationship with their distributor D-M Products, Inc.

“Wausau products certainly play a prominent part of Pittsburgh’s skyline,” adds Dick Macurak of D-M Products. His company has installed Wausau windows and curtainwalls on a wide range of projects, such as the Lazarus Department Store, O’Reilly Theater, Federal Reserve Bank and the Koppers building.

D-M Products and Wausau now can list Mellon Client Service Center to its lineage of prestigious building projects. In total, Wausau dedicated more than a year to engineering, fabricating and shipping the 160,000-square-foot curtainwall system.

### *Large-Scale Design Saves Millions*

Located on the corner of Sixth Avenue and Ross Street, Mellon Client Service Center was designed by architects at Burt Hill Kosar Rittelmann Associates and managed by general contractor Gilbane Building Company. The building now houses more than 3,000 employees who work for building owner Mellon Financial Corporation, a global financial services company with approximately \$2.8 trillion in assets under management, administration or custody.

Mellon Chairman and CEO Martin G. McGuinn said that the Mellon Client Service Center was “built both on schedule and on budget” and “allows for flexibility and growth in both space and technological power.”

One side of the building rises 11 stories, while the other side is just seven stories high. Overall, its floor space contains more than 750,000-square-feet (nearly 15 football fields). According to McGuinn, the large-scale building will allow Mellon to realize “millions of dollars” in productivity savings. “The extremely large floors...will enable workflows to be contained on a single level for peak efficiencies.”

### *Unitized Curtainwall Saves Man Power*

“Installation time virtually can be cut in half thanks to this factory-assembled, pre-glazed, unitized curtainwall system,” says Steve Fronek, vice president at Wausau. “The faster we can help close up the building’s exterior skin, the faster that building can open for business.”

The panelized frames usually span vertically, from floor-to-floor, and reduce dependence on field weatherseals, as well as accommodating dynamic movements without placing undue stress on glass, sealants or other infills. Pre-glazed units typically are off-loaded at the project site using the main construction crane. Usually, they are lifted to the roof or the floor above their installed position where they are stored and organized for future distribution.

Most curtainwall units must be crane- or winch-lifted into place from the outside of the building. The units are erected by stacking individual panels vertically and horizontally, resulting in a four-way-stack-joint design. Using this method, there is less handling needed for each unit, which decreases the number of opportunities for a mishap and saves time overall.

*Nationally recognized for its innovative expertise, Wausau Window and Wall Systems is an industry leader in engineering window and curtainwall systems for commercial and institutional construction applications. For 50 years, Wausau has worked closely with architects, building owners and contractors to realize their vision for aesthetic beauty and lasting value, while striving to maintain the highest level of customer service, communication and overall satisfaction.*

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