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### CURRENT PROJECTS

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## Trump Comes to Chicago

Imperial Crane Services teamed up with James McHugh Construction to start work on one of Chicago's newest skyscrapers. The Trump Tower will overlook the Chicago River at the juncture of the Loop and Michigan Avenue.

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Rising 92 stories above Chicago, the Tower will be filled with residential and hotel condominiums, office space, and a shopping promenade. "It's only fitting the highest profile job in Chicago has the highest profile contractor and crane company on site," states Imperial Vice President Bill Tierney.

When McHugh Construction was awarded the concrete contract for the tower, they were also given the task of erecting the tower crane. Imperial Crane brought a Liebherr LTM 1250 to the site. It took several days for this 300-ton hydraulic truck crane to erect the massive tower crane, which will eventually exceed 1,000 feet in height. The crane then spent the rest of the three weeks on site hoisting rebar.

The Trump Tower is only one of many projects Bill Tierney has organized with Dale Hendrix of McHugh Construction over the past 20 years.



## IMPERIAL NEWS



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## New Equipment Update

Imperial Crane's fleet continues to grow with the addition of two new Terex RT1000 cranes. These 100-ton rough terrain cranes are the first of their kind to be owned by any crane company based in the Chicago area.

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The largest rough terrain crane available from Terex, the RT1000 features a small footprint, with reaches from 40 to 126 feet with its main boom alone. The swingaway jib offers more lifting power, with jib lengths of 38 or 60 feet, offsettable at 0, 17, and 30 degrees. This crane attains a maximum tip height of 195 feet. This powerful and versatile crane is only available at Imperial Crane.



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President of Imperial Crane, B.J. Bohne, states, “This is definitely one of our more aggressive moves over the past couple of years. We plan to rent these cranes all over the Midwest.”

Imperial Crane also ordered 5 new Tadano TR600XXL-4 60-ton rough terrain cranes, 5 new Tadano TR-500XL-4 50-ton rough terrain cranes, and 3 new Tadano ATF80-4 100-ton all-terrain

cranes. These 100-ton all terrain cranes can be transported with full counterweight on them. “Even though these Tadano cranes are more expensive... we still save in the long run because of the lack of downtime and less maintenance,” states Larry Eckardt, service manager for Imperial Crane.



## CURRENT PROJECTS

### Ketler calls in Imperial for the Big Lifts

Imperial Crane deployed its fleet in force to help F.K. Ketler Company build the new Convocation Center at Chicago State University. Imperial was one of the only companies capable of supplying the size and capacity of all the equipment on the job.

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The first crane to be set up on site was a Link-Belt LS-138H II crawler crane, which was soon joined by several 135-foot aerial lifts and a Link-Belt RTC 8060 60-ton rough terrain crane. The largest cranes Imperial supplied to the job were our two Liebherr LTM-1300/1 360-ton hydraulic truck cranes, each of which made several trips out to the job site to



hoist the 85,000 pound trusses that frame the Convocation Center. "This job was particularly difficult because of the confined space when the two big cranes were brought in for setting the large

trusses," states Bill Tierney, Vice-President of Imperial Crane and engineer for these heavy lifts. "The job went great, safely and timely."



### Help is on the Way

When Southwest Airlines flight 1248 overshot its runway during landing on December 8, 2005, Imperial Crane was called to the scene. This is nothing new to Imperial, who has a history of handling emergency jobs in the city of Chicago. The Boeing 737 crashed through the fence separating the runway at Midway Airport and the intersection of 55th Street and Central Avenue. The front landing gear was destroyed during the crash, making it so the plane could not move on its own out of the intersection. "We were able to successfully move the airplane back over the curb, through the fence and into the hangar without creating any further damage in about nine hours," said Ricky Bohne, Regional Manager for Imperial Crane. Imperial Crane joined forces with Lifting Gear Hire Corp. of Bridgeview, using Lifting Gear Hire's



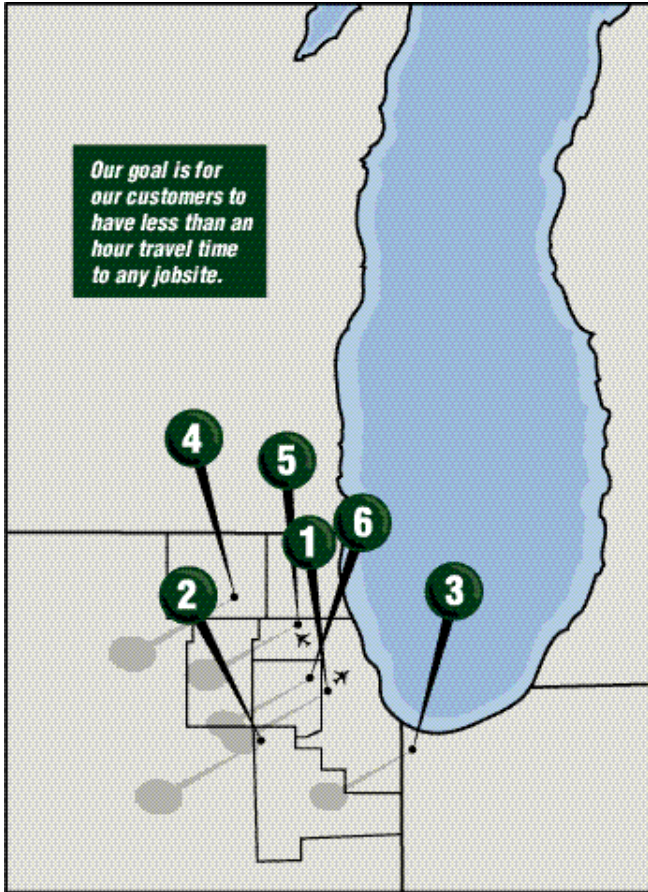
Modulift 50 spreader beam system with Imperial Crane's Grove GMK 5165 165-ton hydraulic truck crane to make this critical lift. "Everything went as planned – timely and cautiously," stated Bohne at the end of the day.





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