

Louisiana Superdome Restoration Update August 2006



With most of the large contract items moving along on schedule, the focus is now on smaller repair and enhancement details needed to have the Superdome **“football-ready”** by the Sept. 25th reopening.

Spraying the last of five coats (20,000 gallons) of urethane on the roof was finished July 19th, more than seven weeks ahead of the scheduled Sept. 8th completion date. Full replacement of the 9.7 acre roof, including 500,000 sq. ft. of new metal decking and a 2 ½ in. layer of polyurethane foam, began March 1st.

Brazos Urethane, Inc., had as many as 120 workers on the job. A few mechanical aspects of the project, including replacement of the 12 air vents at the top and repair to the metal edge flashing around the perimeter of the roof will be completed in the next few weeks.

Work on the 137 box suites is moving at an accelerated pace. Stripped down to the metal studs in the remediation process, the suites are getting new sheetrock and ceiling tiles. Finish work including cabinets, counter tops and floor coverings will not be completed until after the 2006 football season. However, new leather chairs will be installed in the seating areas in front of the suites before the reopening.



Left Photo: The final steel decking piece is placed on the Dome’s roof.

Right Photo: Roofing contractors celebrate a job well done after completing the largest ever re-roofing project of its kind in the USA!

Replacement of 4,000 Club Level sideline seats with the new chairs is nearing completion, and 10,000 of the padded seats in the Plaza and Terrace Levels that sustained water damage from the storm are being replaced. All 70,000 seats will receive a final cleaning. The seats are currently covered by 750,000 sq. ft. of plastic sheeting.

Four other major projects are getting special attention: a new epoxy flooring system in many of the ramps and concourses, complete remodeling of the 38 permanent concession stands, installation of a new technology infrastructure, and the new video board-scoreboard-LED ribbon board system.