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A new door opens...

The Greater Houston Partnership has been located at the Allen Center since 1994. Over this 22-year period, thousands of business leaders, diplomats and elected officials came through the Partnership's doors every month and played a significant role during Houston's amazing evolution. And while we all relish in what Houston has achieved, we know that for some time there has been a gap between how Houston makes people feel and how our offices made our visitors feel.

Thanks to many people, including our building sponsors, our project team and the men and women you are about to meet in this book, Houston now has Partnership Tower, a new home for the organization that captures all that is great about our region. As we planned, designed, refined and agonized over all of the details at Partnership Tower, we often referred to it as Houston's new "front door." It's a wonderful and accurate description of what this space will be for the region and, hopefully, it also conveys what we all love most about Houston: that it is the most welcoming city in the country.

We hope you enjoy getting to know some of the people who built Partnership Tower. As you'll see, this was a special project for all of us.

Lilyanne McClean

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“Without craftsmanship, inspiration is a mere reed shaken in the wind.”

– Johannes Brahms



“My favorite part about working on this building is that I get to work on something that will help Houston.”



Partnership Tower took six months to complete.





Partnership Tower has more than
50,000 square feet of details.



More than 240 people were part of the project.



**This was a
special team.**



**“I would rather
take the scenic
view than go on the
crowded freeways.”**

“I started out as a carpet cleaner. Now, I’ve been in the business for about 20 years. I’ve been all over the world, but I like it here. My life is slower, mellow, and I have two kids – one is just two months old. I met my wife 18 years ago on Galveston Beach, and we have a lake house in Lake Livingston where we like to go and fish with our kids. We like to spend time with them and enjoy the slower pace of life. My favorite thing to do is cruise down Westheimer and just see everything. I would rather take the scenic view than go on the crowded freeways.”

“I get to help build things in Houston. For me, the infrastructure changes that have happened in the city since I got here are really impressive. Like the rail downtown... I didn’t think something like that was going to happen while I lived here. Now, as a dry wall finisher, it is great to step back and know that I had a part to play to help build projects here. Putting up the dry wall is one of the last stages on a project before furniture and finishing touches, so it is great to see it transform from a construction site to more of a finished product.”



**“I really enjoy
what I do.”**

The building was designed with 14-foot ceilings and floor-to-ceiling glass windows.





The Greater Houston Partnership now shares an address with Houston First, the Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Houston-Harris County Sports Authority.

Marek Brothers
Construction was
founded more than
75 years ago.





Visitors are welcomed by a large, interactive video installation showcasing all that is great about Houston.



“I love to fish,
golf and work –
Houston is great
for all of these
things. It's a good
place to raise
children. It's close
to the water.
There are plenty
of opportunities to
work. And lots of
places to eat, too.”



24 electricians worked
on Partnership Tower.





“I work for Kirksey. The most interesting part of this project for me has been the type of client – very high profile- and we know we are designing the front face of the city. We're giving 150 percent attention to this project. Every part of the project has been looked at several times. We don't make decisions lightly. I got started in this field because I was really excelling in math and art in high school, so my counselor recommended I apply for architecture school. I really enjoy what I do now. I've been practicing architecture for more than 10 years. I've lived in Houston longer than I lived in China. I wasn't born here, but I came here as soon as I could.”



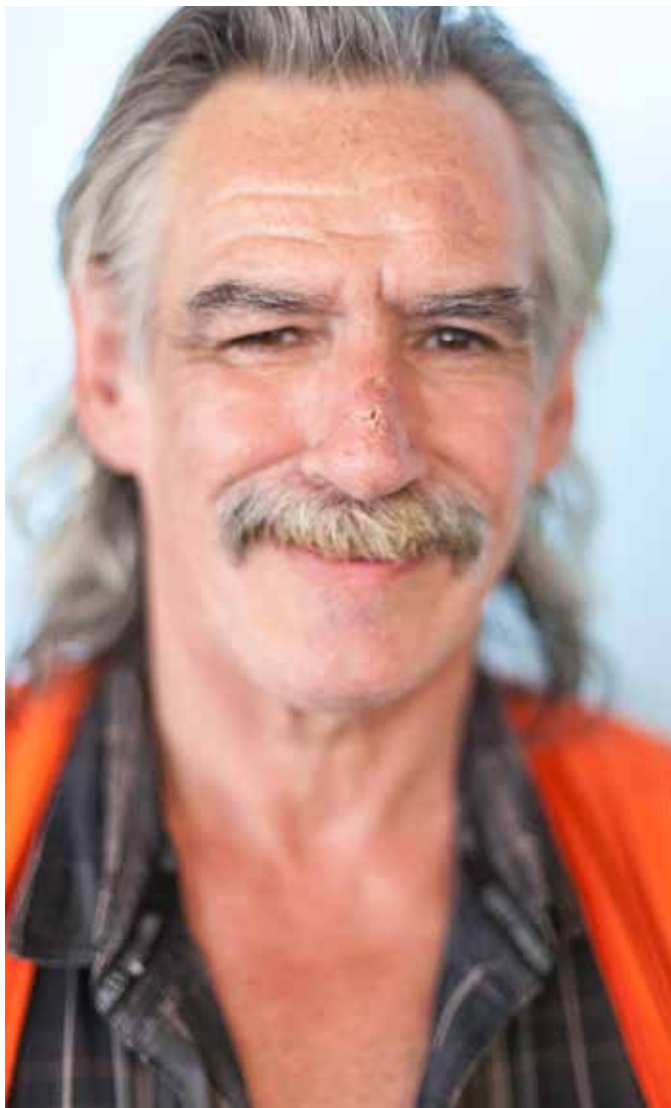


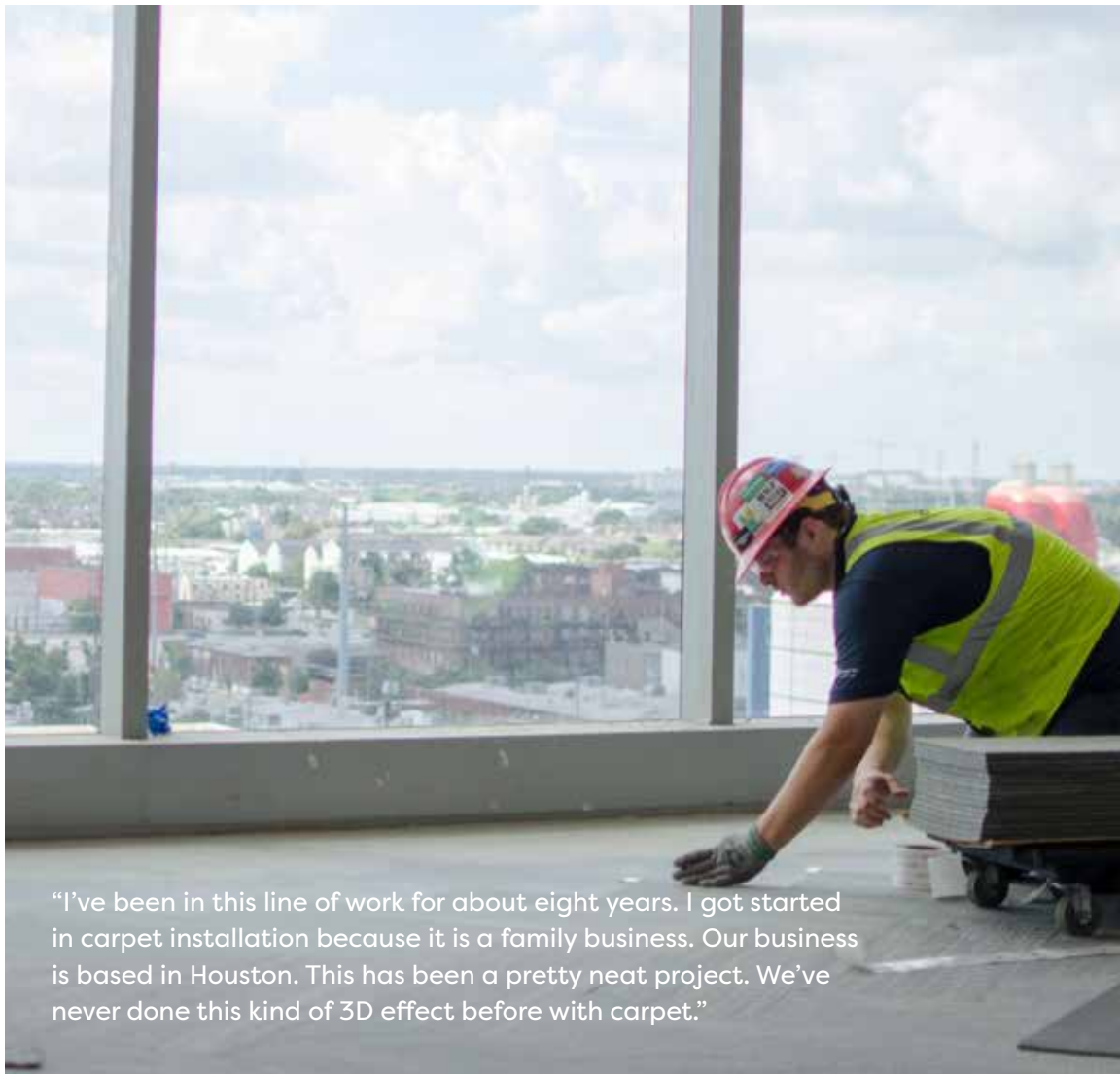
The Greater Houston Partnership is proud to support the Construction Career Collaborative (C3).





**Putting the
final touches
on the interior
of the building
took precision.**





“I’ve been in this line of work for about eight years. I got started in carpet installation because it is a family business. Our business is based in Houston. This has been a pretty neat project. We’ve never done this kind of 3D effect before with carpet.”

“I have worked for
Marek for more
than 35 years.”





Lots of details.



A construction worker with a red beard and safety glasses is adjusting a clear face shield over his white hard hat. He is wearing a bright yellow safety vest over an orange shirt and has a tool belt. In the background, another worker in a red hard hat and yellow vest is walking away from the camera. The setting appears to be an industrial or construction site with blue metal structures.

“I’ve always wanted a career rather than a job”

“There is so much opportunity in this field that it attracted me. So that’s how I got here. Trio’s program gives you real, hands-on experience. The hours can be tough, but I get to work on projects like this.”

Connectivity is key.





“Measure twice, cut once.”- J.B.



Partnership Tower will be Houston's "Front Door."



“Greg is one of the reasons we wanted to work with D.E. Harvey. People say he is the best in the business.”

“I am a mechanical engineer working on the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) components within the building.”







The Partnership's HVAC components were purchased from Goodman Daikin, located in Houston, TX.

“My favorite part of the building is the terrace.”



The Partnership Tower terrace will be the largest terrace downtown.

“I’ve practiced architecture for more than 20 years and have done project management for 12 years. Being an architect, I like seeing projects get built. My favorite parts of this project are the video wall and the large meeting rooms. Those are amazing.”





Partnership Tower has an *Instagram* wall.

“I love the Houston area
and wouldn’t want to
live anywhere else.”





“Partnership Tower is the front face of Houston, where important people are greeted.”

Superman.







Firetrol installs and services fire protection and life safety system upgrades, expansions, and systems for new construction projects.





“My favorite part of the building process is actually seeing progress and seeing completion because you go from nothing to something, and that is pretty amazing.”

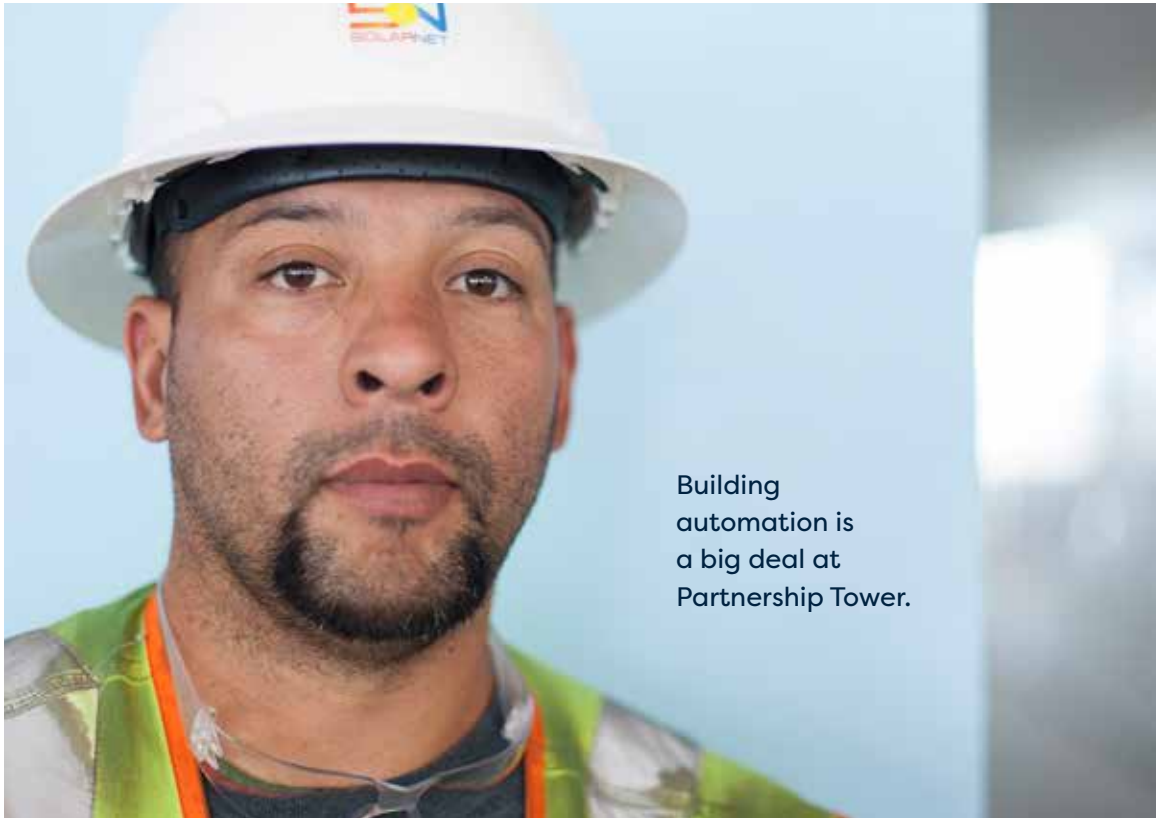


“My nickname is Fluffy.”









Building
automation is
a big deal at
Partnership Tower.

**“This is the year
for women. I have
never seen this
many women in
construction.”**







Oversized A/C units were added.



The *Instagram* wall in progress.



Founded in 2003, Trio Electric, Ltd. is one of the top electrical design, construction and service firms in Houston, Texas.



**Every detail
was important.**





“My biggest accomplishment is the fact that I can come to work every day and provide for my family. I enjoy what I am doing. I’m trying to continue and get my licenses. I have two kids, and I tell them to continue learning. It’s important. That’s what I try to teach them—to stay focused and work hard.”





“My favorite part of the building is the tenth floor because it is the highest part of the building where you can look out.”



Partnership Tower was finished without any safety incidents.



Personal protective equipment (PPE) was required at all times during the job.



“I love working for my company. We have the best boss in town.”



“I started about 25 years ago. I was a union carpenter and worked my way up. I am from Houston, and I love it. The people are the best part. It's diverse, and you are not going to find better people. You also wouldn't believe it when you see me now, but I used to be in a rock band. I had a pony tail down my back. I was the bassist, and it was a blast. We used to play around town and in Galveston. We were called *Cookin*.”



Father and son.



**Connecting
people who
care about
Houston will
change the
region.**









**“Gain knowledge so
you will be successful.”**

“I was born and raised here. I did go to the military for a while. I lived in Hawaii and Germany for a few years. At some point, I was deployed to Bosnia. I've done some traveling and love it. Now, I am raising my two kids in Houston. I always push my kids to understand the importance of school and tell them, ‘the more you know in life the better you will be. Gain knowledge so you will be successful.’”



“I work on the heavy glass components in the building.”



“I started doing duct work (HVAC) and decided to transition into electrical work. I am 21 years old, and I was interested in starting a career. So I joined the electrician program with Trio. I am discovering what I want to do. It's a pretty cool program. Besides work, I guess an interesting fact about me is that I go to reptile conventions in town because I collect and breed snakes. Right now, I have around 10 but I am hoping to get to 50 at some point. I keep them all in different aquariums in my room, but don't worry—they're not venomous.”



"The most challenging part of the project was the square floor posts."

**Partnership Tower has
more than 11,000 square
feet of signature space.**





“I am from Michigan originally and moved here because the automotive business went down, and there was opportunity here. Houston is full of opportunities. I have been in Houston for about... well, 36 years now. When I first moved here, I used to play a lot of softball. In fact, I used to play with Frank Beard and the other guys from ZZ Top. I became close with them, and we still stay in contact. It was also great to see the football stadium come back after the Oilers left. There has been a lot of growth in Houston since I came here. It's cool we get to work on this building for Houston.”



Partnership Tower is located at 701 Avenida de las Americas, floors 9 and 10.





“The best part of this project is the client.”



“I work a lot, and all the time that I do have I spend with my two daughters. The best advice I give them is to study a lot and find something they are passionate about. And be responsible.”



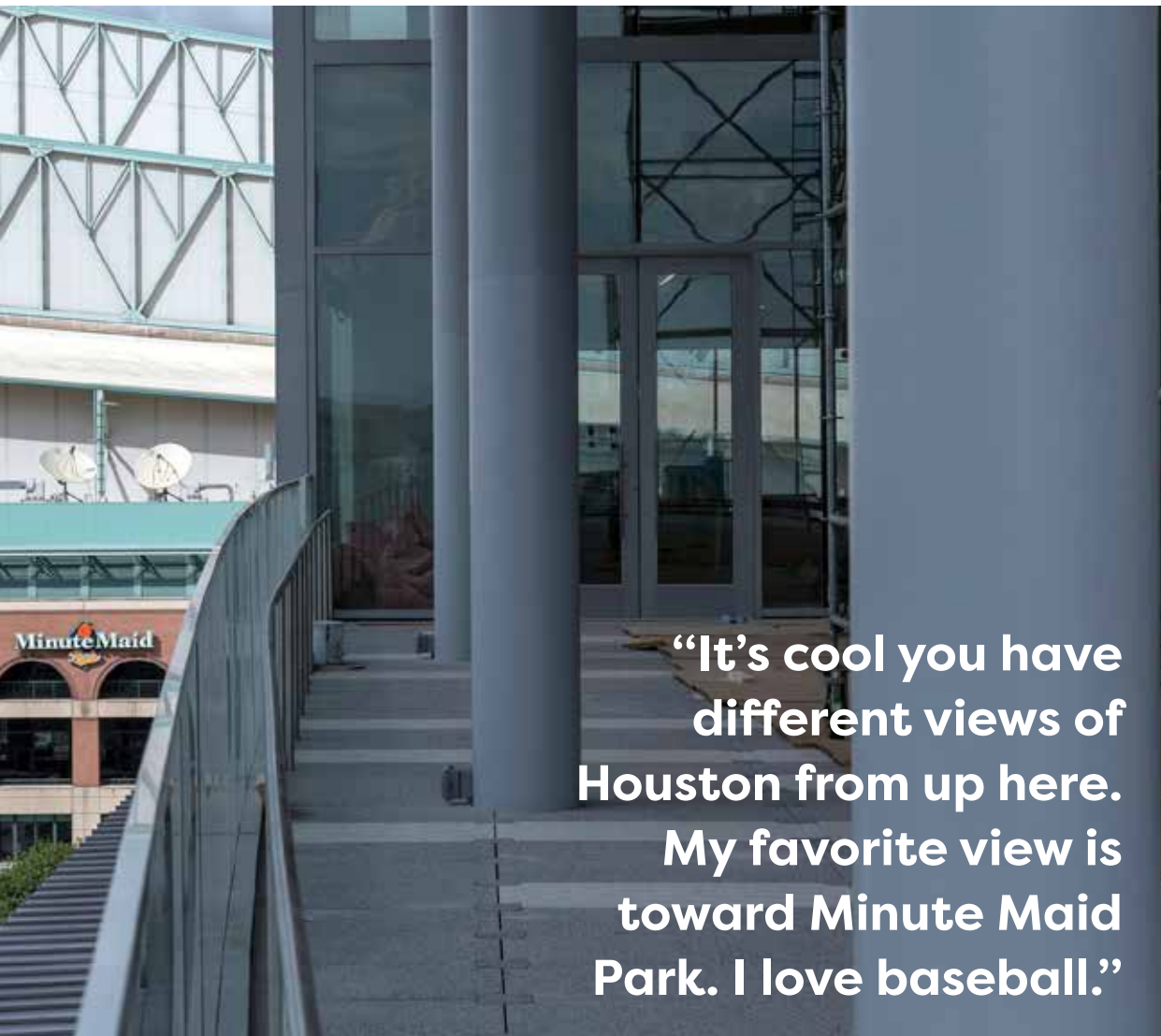


Partnership Tower is connected by a sky bridge to the newly renovated George R. Brown Convention Center, and steps away from Discovery Green, Minute Maid Park, the Toyota Center and the BBVA Compass Stadium.



“I came from Brazil about eight years ago. I just picked a place and wanted to move. Houston seemed nice, and I got married here. I like everything about Houston. My wife and I like Mexican food, lakes to hang out with friends and music. I like all music and dancing—all types and all kinds.”





**“It’s cool you have
different views of
Houston from up here.
My favorite view is
toward Minute Maid
Park. I love baseball.”**

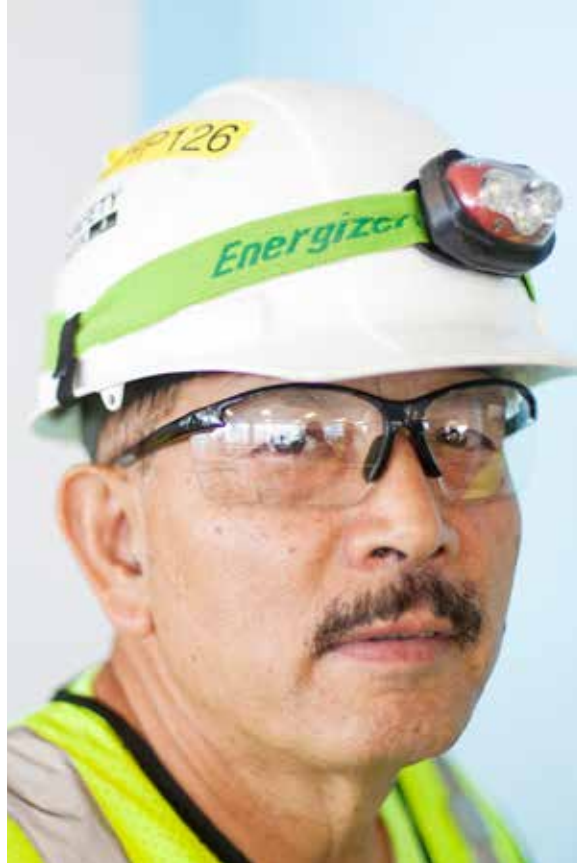
**“You don’t have
to go to college
to get a good job.
Consider the trade
industry.”**





“With my free time, I like to learn how to build new things. The coolest thing I’ve built lately is a dresser.”



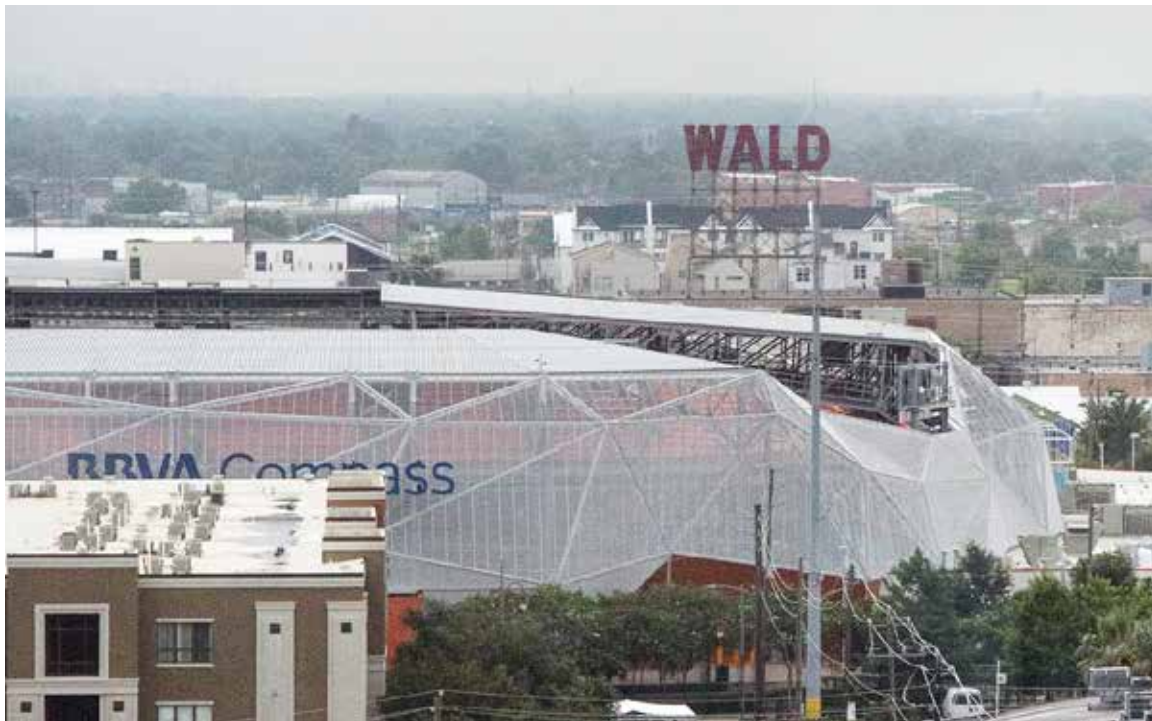


Partnership Tower is LEED certified.



“I am learning to be a finisher. We cover up the joints from the sheet rock, and the patches and holes. It’s my first day. It’s going pretty well.”





BBVA Compass Stadium

“I work on the cabinetry installation.”





**“We worked with, arguably,
the best contractor in town.”**

-Kent Wiseman, JLL



“I work on building automation, specifically designing and implementing AC controls within Partnership Tower. We make it easier to monitor your whole building from one place. We are the guys that put in devices so someone can sit in front of a computer and control things. You will be able to see the temperature of each zone from your computer.”

Everyone who worked
on Partnership Tower
had a favorite view.









More details.





**“They call
me Diablo.”**



“For Trio, we have this saying, ‘we bleed blue,’ and to me that means having a passion for the company and for what you do.”





“My favorite view of the building is the one that looks straight into downtown because I can see some of the job sites that my other classmates are working on.”



“I work for Electra Link.
We help set up the voice and
data communications.”





“Family brought me to Houston. I came here about 16 years ago from Mexico. Houston is nice. It has a growing economy and plenty of places to go with your family. I have three kids, so it's good. I like my job because I'm always learning to do something. I like to learn. I play the accordion actually. My favorite song to play is *Belleza de Cantina*.”

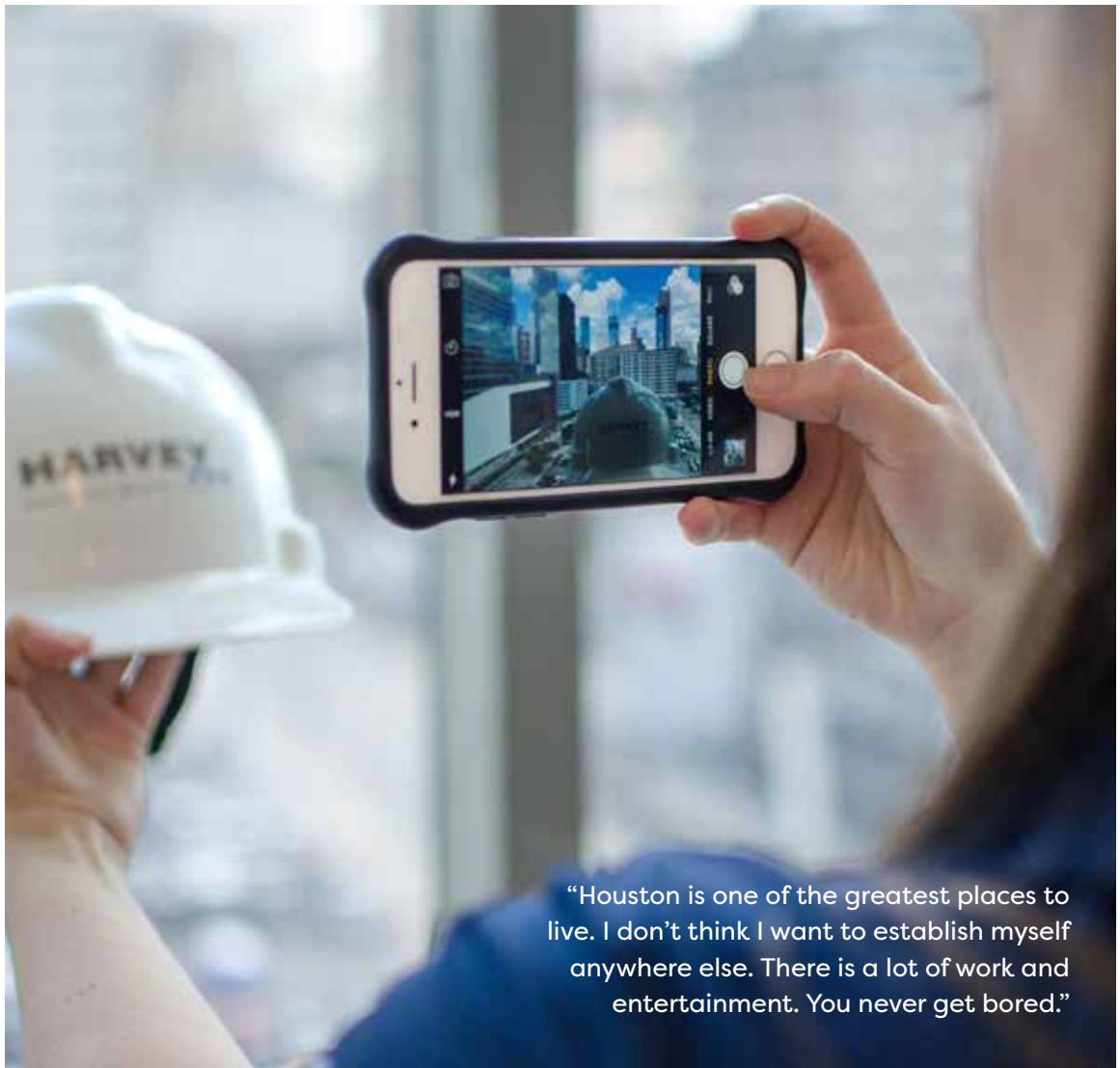




Partnership Tower has wood finishings native to Houston.







“Houston is one of the greatest places to live. I don’t think I want to establish myself anywhere else. There is a lot of work and entertainment. You never get bored.”



“I grew up around Houston, seeing buildings come up, seeing the skyline come up. I always wanted to add to the skyline, make an impact or just be a part of construction. So I went to school at Texas A&M for a construction science degree, got a job with Harvey and I’ve been on this path ever since.”



HUNDREDS OF HANDS AND HEARTS
BUILT PARTNERSHIP TOWER.

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