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## **Steel Going Up at UTLX Manufacturing Site**

Chicago, Illinois - Since UTLX Manufacturing's ceremonial ground breaking for its Alexandria expansion almost four months ago, very little construction progress has been visible from Cappel Road or Route 1. That's because much of the initial effort has been in preparation of the site. Between the rain showers, local contractor, Gilchrist, has hauled in roughly 200,000 cubic yards of red dirt so far to level the property. Much more fill is still required to establish the proper grade for the 800,000 square foot facility that is projected to be producing railroad tank cars by this time next year.

In the last several weeks, ready-mix trucks have been rumbling into the construction site on the construction entrance from Air Base Road. 2,700 yards of concrete have already been poured into the pier foundations, ground beams, and flooring for Building "C," the first of four buildings that will make up the manufacturing complex. Most of the groundwork and almost all of the material used so far is hidden well below grade level - and out of sight. Poured concrete piers continue to be established for the foundations of the next buildings. But, except for construction ribbon that marks their locations, they are hidden from sight.

That's about to change.

While the preliminary efforts continue across the building site and all the way to the trees at the North end of the property, progress will soon be obvious to everyone as the new UTLX "skyline" goes up next to

England Airport. Last week, flatbed semis began delivering steel for the first building wall supports and trusses. Starting next week, advances at UTLX Manufacturing will be easy to see as the steel buildings begin to march across the 130 acre site. Company officials expect construction of the 46,500 square foot, Building C to be roofed and weather-tight within 10 - 12 weeks. By the end of April equipment foundations will be underway inside the second building. Meanwhile, general contractor, Shaw, will continue to push ahead with the foundations of the main buildings.

UTLX Manufacturing, Inc. is a subsidiary of Union Tank Car Company, the leading designer, manufacturer, and lessor of railroad tank cars in the world. Both are members of The Marmon Group, an international association of more than 100 companies that operate independently within diverse business sectors.. UTLX operates manufacturing facilities in East Chicago, Indiana and Sheldon, Texas and has railcar repair capabilities throughout North America.

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