

## Unicel exhibits sunscreens at the North Carolina Museum of Art

Unicel has recently inked a big-ticket deal for the expansion of the North Carolina Museum of Art (NCMA) in Raleigh, a new custom-designed project that creatively uses our sunscreens to give light an artistic value.

After stretching its muscles with important public projects like The Figge Art Museum (Davenport, IA) and the Grand Rapids Art Museum (Grand Rapids, MI), Unicel has been awarded another exciting contract developed in partnership with Thomas Phifer and Partners architects (New York City) and Super Sky (Mequon, WI).

The architect has built its concept around natural light, a priority since the museum's goal is to enhance visitors' experience with art. For the NCMA, Unicel developed a blade that is specially shaped to effectively control daylight. The blades are designed to filter the UV radiations that could damage the exhibits and to allow only a reduced quantity of light to seep in. Once it passes the sunshades, a system of vaulted ceiling coffers filters and softly diffuses it at the galleries.

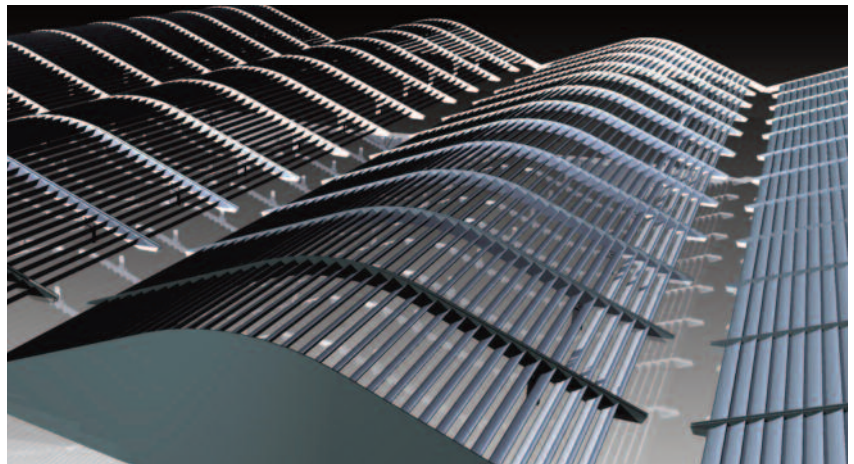
Our challenge is greater this time. Not only is the sunscreen to control light in an efficient manner, but it also offers a breathtaking exterior view. Situated below the level of a neighboring highway, in a rural landscape, the new addition of the museum needed to blend into the wavy hills around. This is what inspired the roof shape that reads like a floating cover, with

a regular pattern of vaults. Also, the end caps elegantly complete each set of panels, giving them an aerodynamic shape.

The sunscreen will incorporate 376 curved panels of 20' x 6' which make this project a very complex one in terms of design and manufacturing. The production of the 45,000 square feet of panels, made of clear anodized aluminum, began this March and is estimated to end in September 2008.

Unicel Architectural Corp. and Thomas Phifer and Partners have a long history together. Our commitment to customized, unconventional projects makes this architectural firm partner with us every time they need ingenious solutions to accomplish their vision.

The wavy shape of the sunscreens is matching the neighboring landscape, while effectively filtering the UV radiations



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