

"Bread & Butter" Moves

This is the premier column of Bread & Butter Moves (B&BM). In future issues of Structural Mover this column will feature basic moves that provide companies the major source of their income thru the movement of structures whether vertical or horizontal. An elevation here, a move-back there or an 800 square foot storage shed transported from point A to point B. What may be a B&BM for one company may not fit another. Moving a silo, a warehouse or a bridge may be a B&BM for another mover.

Take the photos from Nickel Bros of Vancouver, BC, Canada shown in this column. What most structural moving companies seldom do, moving structures via barge, is a B&BM for Nickel Bros. House Moving, Ltd. because of the terrain where they are domiciled. So, IASM members, pull out those photographs of moves you make every day and forward them, with a brief explanation of the project to: Bread & Butter Moves, Structural Mover Magazine, Post Office Box 2637, Lexington, South Carolina 29071-2637.

Nickel Bros. House Moving, Ltd., in January 2006, moved via barge a Western Forest Products office building from Silver Tree Mill, 9001 Heather Street, Vancouver, BC to Cowichan Bay Sawmill Division, 1291 Tzouhalen Road, Cowichan Bay, BC. A mill owned by Western Forest Products had become out dated and scheduled for closing to allow for development of high-end condominium units along the shore of the Fraser River. The office building is 44 feet wide x 80 feet long (52 feet wide with eaves) built on a typical perimeter



foundation with a three foot crawlspace with two center bearing walls running down the length of the building.

The project cost was approximately \$60,000.00 Canadian, including the tug and barge. There was nothing unusual about the project. Planning took two days. "Quite often", said Murray Nickel, President, "moving building by water is a lot less involved than moving on city streets and, in many cases, is the only way to accomplish the move in our area."

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