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## Seaboard Weatherproofing Lands Woolworth Restoration



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Port Chester, NY - Seaboard Weatherproofing and Restoration has been retained to rehabilitate the decorative terra-cotta façade of the Woolworth Building in lower Manhattan. Construction recently commenced on the project.

The 60-story landmark building, completed in 1913, is a neo-Gothic masterpiece designed by Cass Gilbert. The scope of the project includes restoring damaged limestone on the first four floors, replacement and repair of over 400 decorative terra cotta stones, and resealing the joints of all copper mansard roofs.

"It is an honor to [work](#) on such a classic structure," said Michael Y. Ahearn, President of Seaboard Weatherproofing and Restoration. "Historical restoration is one of our specialties and it doesn't get much better than this."

Called the "Cathedral of Commerce," the Woolworth Building stood as the world's tallest until the Chrysler Building surpassed it in 1930. The building served as the Woolworth Company's headquarters until the retailer declared [bankruptcy](#) in 1997. Architect Cass

Gilbert also constructed 90 West Street which was heavily damaged in the 9-11 attack. Seaboard is in the final stages of restoring 90 West which was recently ranked number 14 by [New York Construction Magazine's Top 20 projects 2004-05](#).

The Woolworth Building is a New York City Landmark and all work must be approved by the Landmarks Preservation Commission, which ensures that exterior alterations are historically accurate. Seaboard takes great care in creating a watertight and sound façade for the future while respecting the history of every stone being repaired.

Seaboard is currently assisting the architect in façade inspections of the entire building envelope. Several new conditions are being uncovered, which Seaboard is [working](#) to resolve in consultation with the architect and the terra cotta manufacturer. Work on the building is expected to be completed by the end of 2005.

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Seaboard Weatherproofing and Restoration is located at 530 Willett Avenue in Port Chester, NY. The Company recently celebrated their 60th anniversary in business.

Based in Port Chester, NY, Seaboard Weatherproofing and Restoration is one of the leading restoration and alteration construction firms in the New York City metropolitan area. For more information, please call (800) 347-7464.

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