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Birdair, Inc. Awarded Empire City Casino Contract

Yonkers Attraction to Feature ETFE Porte-Cochere

Birdair, Inc., the leading specialty contractor of lightweight long-span roofing systems and tensile structures of all sizes throughout the world, has been awarded the contract to provide a pneumatic roofing system for a newly constructed porte-cochere at the Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway in Yonkers, New York.

Birdair has been awarded a design-build contract for an approximately 11,000 square foot casino porte-cochere. The material selected for the drop-off canopy is ETFE, or ethylene tetrafluoroethylene, a transparent film that is lightweight, flexible and sustainable. ETFE will cover a steel lattice shell structure to create a dramatic sculptural entrance canopy.

The ETFE material can last over 20 years without losing its transparency or strength. Due to its nonstick surface, ETFE resists airborne pollutants, making it chemically resistant and naturally self-cleaning. “The entrance canopy for the Empire City Casino is a new and impressive approach to ordinary casino design with its modern look,” explains David Capezzuto, Director of Business Development, Birdair. “ETFE provides greater design capabilities than a conventional glass system.”

About Birdair

Birdair, Inc. is the leading specialty contractor of custom tensile structures throughout the world. In addition to pre-construction services such as design assistance, budgeting, construction methodologies and project scheduling, Birdair provides design-build solutions in all aspects of project design, fabrication, installation and maintenance. The company offers a selection of architectural fabric membranes, including PTFE fiberglass, ETFE film, PVC and Tensotherm™, an insulated tensioned membrane system. Birdair, based in Buffalo, NY, is a member of the Taiyo Kogyo Group, with operations serving North and South America and other international locations. For more information about Birdair, [like us on Facebook](#), call 1-800-622-2246 or visit www.birdair.com.

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