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Welch, of Central Ceilings of Derry, N.H., cuts his way through metals beams during his first day of work yesterday on the "15 Days" project.

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## The '15 Days' project starts

**Fourteen days is all that stands between workers and their goal of building out a 10,000 square foot office space in Post Office Square. While that alone may not seem extraordinary, it is when one considers that work didn't start until yesterday.**

The "15 Days" project, a collaboration between Leggat McCall Properties and Commodore Builders, will shrink a typical 10 to 12 week project to just 15 working days in an effort to "squeeze out the inefficiencies" normally associated with office construction.

While conforming to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards, officials expect up to a 60 percent cut in energy consumption with no sacrifice in quality.

"We were just a little frustrated with the schedules it took to build a space like this," said project manager Dave Conner.

Conner said the key to the process lies on the front end, as a longer planning and procurement process has enabled officials to create a rigid working schedule.

Electrical lines and flooring were being laid out yesterday beneath the gaze of several "Day 1" posters. Most of those on site wore a "15 Days" T-shirt and worked feverishly to reach the project's first deadline.

"We've examined and planned every aspect of this project down to the day and the hour ... if we lose an hour somewhere or a minute somewhere it could be the difference between the success and failure of the project," he said.

**Tony Lee**

### AN EXAMPLE TO OTHERS

"It will show we can build green in a cost effective way without adding time onto your schedule," said Jim Hunt, chief of environment and energy. To learn more visit [www.15days.TV](http://www.15days.TV).