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US CENSUS BUREAU

SUITLAND, MD USA

SCOPE

- Acoustics
- Audio
- Video

CLIENT

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Consolidated, flexible workspace.

The headquarters for the US Census Department includes 1,500,000 sf office space in twin eight-story office buildings. The project, the largest GSA construction procurement in 2004, was multi-phased design-build. Special challenges included design of flexible workspaces in a "bull pen" configuration such that they can adjust from four individual workspaces to ten for staff-ups during census periods. In addition to office spaces, the campus includes an auditorium, fitness center, library, conference areas, broadcast studios, and two parking structures.

Office space is serviced by raised flooring with under-floor HVAC. We coordinated design of HVAC system for noise control in compliance with budget goals, occupant thermal comfort, fresh air and energy efficiency. The building's unique acoustical attributes include custom typical office client panel material and module size to achieve productive workspaces. Noise control for floor HVAC units dealt with limited space, plan and headroom as well as adhering to budget parameters. Recommendations reflected cost-effective means for both design and implementation/construction of acoustical components.



PROJECT TYPE
New Construction



COST
\$350 million



ARCHITECT
SOM / HKS



GENERAL CONTRACTOR
SKANSKA



COMPLETE
2007



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