

Feb 2011**Featured Project:****Department of Labor Interior Finish
Denver Federal Center (DFC)**

Location: Lakewood, CO

Client: US General Services Administration



Construction was recently completed for this 40,000 sf (approx) interior remodel of a two-story space in Building 53 at the Denver Federal Center. This space will be home to the U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Office of Worker's Compensation Programs. The DOL will occupy approximately 35,910 usable sf. of space in the building. As part of the agency's efforts to build environment friendly spaces for sustainability and employee comfort, the decision was made to design the new tenant space under the USGBC's LEED Commercial Interiors Certification program. The project is attempting a LEED Silver certification.

Design Challenges and Efforts:

The age of the structure and its insulation design posed a significant design challenge. The perimeter walls were double-wythe brick masonry with no significant insulation value. We furred out almost 80% of the perimeter walls and added insulation. To make the best available use of daylight and views from the space, open cubicle office spaces were located around the perimeter adjacent to the windows, with the next tier dedicated to private offices with large windows to allow natural light to flow through. The modular cubicles will be low height to allow for maximum daylight flow and view access. Conference rooms, storage rooms, file rooms, and print rooms make up the interior of the space.

The Denver Federal Center is located in Lakewood, Colorado and is the home to about 6,200 employees for many Federal government of the United States agencies. There are 26 different Federal agencies on-site, making it the largest concentration of Federal agencies outside of Washington, D.C. The western edge of the property has been identified as the future location of a major Regional Transportation District (RTD) intermodal transit facility and Park-n-Ride for light rail and bus service, with light rail expected to come on-line by 2012.

Company News:

Design Edge, PC was recently selected by the Arapahoe County Department of Facilities and Fleet Management, to provide architectural services under an indefinite delivery and indefinite quantity contract

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