

Awards

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■ First of America Regional Operations Center, Royal Oak. Contractor — A.J. Etkin. Designer — Hobbs + Black Associates, Ann Arbor.
 ■ St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Designer — Merritt McCallum Cieslak, Farmington Hills. Contractor — Site Development, Sterling Heights.
 ■ Talon Centre, Detroit. Designer — Progressive Associates, Bloomfield Hills. Contractor — Talon Development Group, Detroit.
 ■ Michigan Department of Transportation/Detroit Bus Terminal. Contractor — R.E. Dailey. Designer — William Kessler & Associates, Detroit.

Project descriptions

B'Nai Moshe Synagogue, 29,000 square feet, has a 500-seat sanctuary and a social hall that seats 450. The semi-circular design of the seating area places each person within 40 feet of the bimah, the ceremonial platform.

Natural materials including brick, bronze, copper, slate, marble, silk, leather and oak were used to provide a sense of warmth.

"We have sloped pieces of glass for the east wall and ceramic frits fired into the glass so people can look out on the horizon, but all the sun's rays come in on an angle and are blocked out," said Don Andreski, project manager for Neumann, Smith.

Redford's new police station, a 60,000-square-foot, multi-level structure, includes a common plaza that unifies that structure with town hall, district court and library.

The police station has a multi-purpose room for neighborhood watch meetings and police training, a pistol training range, an exercise

room, locker and support facilities and underground parking for 46 cars.

"We had an occupied site, and it (construction) required good coordination," said Thomas H. Landry, Etkin president. "They had a set budget . . . and a rather tight time line for the building to be done. It got done the way it had to be done."

"With horizontal lines, we were able to give it some scale in the neighborhood to fit into the neighborhood," said Dennis Dundon, the architect principal. "We're very pleased with the way it turned out, with the quality of brick, limestone."

Oakland Towne Square is an 18-story office building of 480,000 square feet.

"This building utilizes a darker granite chip precast concrete facade," said Jim Cruthis, project manager for Rossetti. "More glass is contained as a curtain wall as it goes up."

"There was quite a bit of attention to detail in everything from landscaping to site signage to details of the building," he said.

"Preservation of the existing environment and enhancing it was a very large factor in the design," Cruthis added in explanation of a stream relocation on the site.

Mall expansion

The \$30-million expansion/renovation of the Somerset Mall involved adding a second story of 110,000 square feet, modernizing the main level and building a parking structure.

"The biggest challenge of the project was to complete a second-level addition over the existing building and renovate the exterior while keeping the existing part operational," said Jim Ryan, architect.

"A rotunda created not only an area for promotional activities . . . but it's a visual transparency. People can look into the center for the first time."

The mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery contains 5,000 crypts, 1,000 wall niches and a chapel.

"The geometry of the chapel was very unique. Curved beams made of steel formed the roof line," said Andrea Atherton, a vice president at

Etkin. "Probably the other challenge . . . was winter construction."

Efforts were made to curve the structure to parallel a curve in the road at the site, said Sam Bayne, director of design at Harley Ellington.

"The client's objective was a high-quality, high-image building," he said. "Toward the center of the 400-foot mausoleum set out as a precious jewel is a stand-alone chapel."

The Instructional Technology Center connected to Novi Meadows Elementary and Novi Middle School includes a video studio, computer laboratory, two technology training rooms and eight classrooms with movable partitions.

"The building was designed to accommodate multiple uses of technology available now . . . and to accommodate multiple uses this building will have," said David Paterson, project manager for TMP.

"The desire was to have a high-tech appearing image," he added.

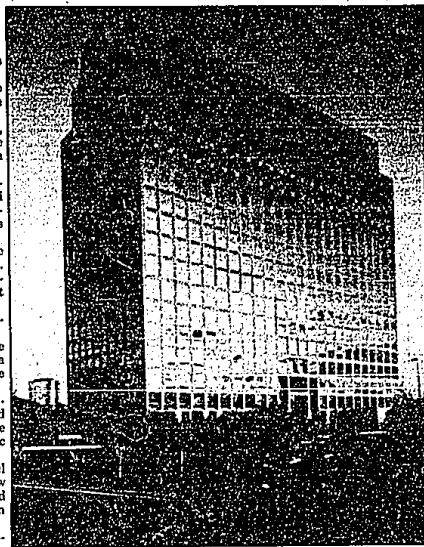
A three-story atrium is the focal point of the First of America Regional Operations Center, a computer processing depot whose initial phase consists of 180,000 square feet.

"There were very tight constraints on site usage," Landry said. "Material and delivery had to be coordinated since there was no on-site storage. It was built in a fairly heavy traffic area."

A rather plain social hall at St. Daniel Church was remodeled and expanded. New brick veneer and fieldstone, as well as a wood fascia, were added to complement materials on the adjacent church.

"The parlor and library probably were the focal point," said Mark McPherson, the project's architect. "They're both new areas in the building connected by an operable wall. The new addition includes classrooms and offices as well."

The Tulon Center in Detroit is a historic renovation of the former 78,000-square-foot Parke-Davis administration building constructed in the early 1920s along the Detroit River.



Award winner: Oakland Towne Square, an 18-story, 480,000-square-foot office tower in Southfield, is a design and construction showcase award winner for this year. Work on the site included a stream relocation. R.E. Dailey of Southfield was the general contractor, Rossetti Associates of Birmingham the architect.

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