

1233 20th Street, NW / Façade and Lobby Renovation / Washington, DC



35% of the façade of a city block

- /Zoning analysis
- /Architectural design
- /Interior design
- /Space planning
- /Graphic design
- /Contract administration

DBI was charged with renovating the public spaces of this 1980s office building. The exterior features a fresh, street level, entry lobby and a series of tilted stainless steel exterior planes that not only define the new building entry, but also modulate the rhythm of the street level curtainwall to passersby. During the day, the planes, or fins, provide flashes of natural sunlight, and at dusk, pinpoints of artificial uplight. A continuous, horizontal, wing-like stainless steel awning helps to shade the glass and structurally ties together the vertical fins. Black granite bases incorporate lighting and planting beds. A diagonal black granite wall directs visitors to the relocated revolving door and acts as a signboard for the new building title graphics.

