

Merit Award

Up to US \$10M

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERIOR DESIGNERS MINNESOTA CHAPTER OFFICE

Minneapolis, MN



JUROR'S COMMENTS

The partition is a delightful blend of contrasts that simultaneously complements the historic building but is expressed in an uncommon and inspirational manner.

When the Minnesota Chapter of ASID was given the opportunity to move from the basement of International Market Square (IMS) to the main floor, they held a membership open design competition. LHB won by promoting two architectural strategies: "kit of parts" and "infill."

The space allocated for development was being used as building circulation, so the design and detailing of the space needed to reflect a concern for the staging of construction within the highly active IMS public space. Within the "kit of parts" strategy, all details and components were designed to be built off-site, shipped and simply bolted in place. Steel and glass doors are load-bearing and restrained at their head condition with a simple ledger and bolted stop. Storage and library casework were unitized and revealed within the steel armature. Variations within the existing masonry framework and floor were accommodated with slotted angles integral to the steel design.

The infill strategy borrowed heavily upon the building's historic, industrial past. In contrast to the typical, homogenous storefront entries provided by the building Owner, a vocabulary of heavy steel angles and plates, float glass and deep reveals was developed to promote a sense of enclosure and presence as well as provide for display





and storage. Reference to the movement of hard goods through the typical industrial dock door has been reconsidered in this space as the movement of membership, stewardship and information through this glazed, rolling storefront. This armature of steel and glass is balanced by lighter infill finishes of maple and bamboo, providing an environment conducive to the interaction of chapter members, as well as the display for local ASID talents.

PROJECT TEAM

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