SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION COMPLEX BALTIMORE, MD | INSTITUTIONAL

The new Social Security Administration (SSA) complex is sited on 11 acres in northwest Baltimore. LEED-NC Silver certified, the project includes a two-building office facility comprised of 538,000 rentable square feet, a 1,076-car parking garage and service center. GSA procured the project using a best value process that champions design excellence.

The result of a national competition, this project's winning "arc of light" design brings light deep into the floor plates, while animating a central organizational spine that will become the community gathering place within the complex. The design balances light, form, space, and scale that is transparent in intention, efficient and flexible in planning, and holistic in the integration of the urban and natural environments.

The facility is designed to be a fully integrated living building system, a responsible contributor to the community, as well as an outstanding work environment. The design provides sound, efficient and flexible structural systems; a high-quality, attractive, and maintainable building envelope; and high-performance HVAC, electrical, emergency electrical, and fire protection/life safety systems, with flexibility to meet changing needs over the building's life.

As part of Maryland's Transit-oriented Development initiative, the facility's siting near public transport is the catalyst in transforming the surrounding area by attracting and integrating new development, as well as building on the value of the existing businesses and residential neighborhoods. The goal is to create a vibrant community where residents live, work, and play.



























