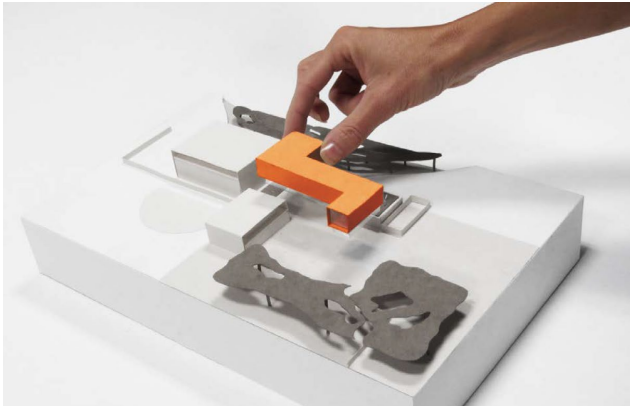




**Intelligence Community
Campus Bethesda**

Bethesda, Maryland
Institutional Architecture

The new campus consists of over 800,000 SF in new and renovated facilities. The initial phase "Centrum," is new construction that connects three existing structures, and accommodates centralized functions. A common aesthetic is achieved that elevates the human spirit, adhering to strict security requirements while avoiding the fortress effect.



**Design
Solution**

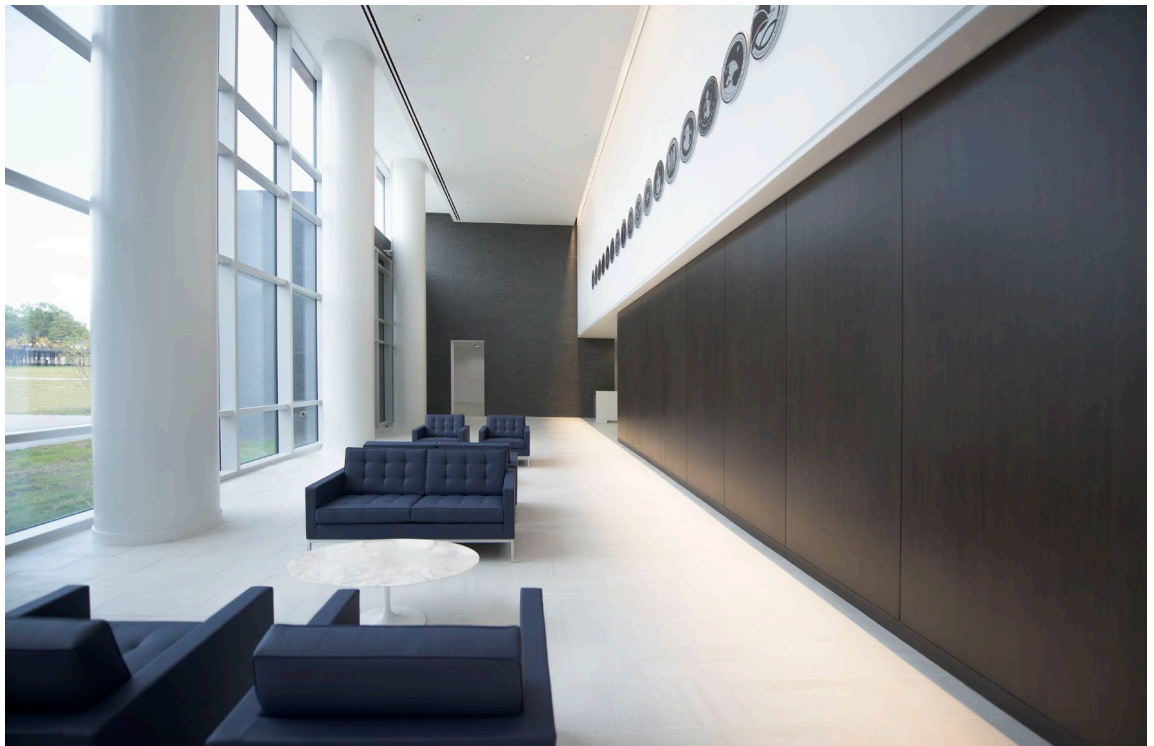
The design solution reinforces the notion of a campus, respects the natural surroundings and its place within the community, and connects and organizes spaces. The form and materiality of the buildings continue this thought with structures complementing one another in terms of size, shape, and orientation. Iconography is established through a minimal but persistent palette of glass, metal, and cast stone. The visual ordering of the buildings is a horizontal series of fields. The bottom third is an architectural cast stone and glass base in which the stone connects the building to the earth. The middle third hovers over the base and contains metal panels (solids) and glass (voids) in dialogue with the patterns of the woodland flora. The upper third consists of the rooftop which is a series of simple monitors of varying scales and shapes that engage the sky.





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| 1 terrace | 5 centrum loading at basement |
| 2 south entrance | 6 vegetated terrace- level 01 |
| 3 entry from visitor center | 7 sculpted landscape stones w/ rain garden at low points for future development |
| 4 access and control road | |









**Mission
Support**

The design of this facility offers scores of enhancements beyond the basic minimum requirements. The team worked closely with the current users to create a world class design that meets mission requirements while providing an innovative, flexible, and collaborative workplace for the occupying agencies and staff. Our design enhancements embody a wide-range of solutions for energy and water conservation, sustainability features, enhanced flexibility, as well as building and site amenities. The driving force behind every design decision was the question; “Does this support the mission?” Through our focus and understanding of the men and women’s work at the agencies housed in the campus, we achieved building a well-designed facility that compliments and enhances the effectiveness and success of the mission.

