

Most Outstanding Renovation/ Restoration Project

Utah State University Biology and Natural Resources Building Renovation

This \$20-million project was an opportunity to give new life to a tired and dreary campus building at Utah State University. The existing building was constructed in three separate phases shortly after the end of WWII. It lacked a social heart for building occupant collaboration, as well as interior finishes and spaces matching its modern exterior aesthetic. It also lacked modernized research and teaching spaces due to its age.

Through an extensive remodel of the north wing and the addition of much needed lobby space to the west, the building was completely transformed. The new lobby provides space for students to study

and collaborate. Teaching and research laboratories were made larger, more modern, and more flexible—a major leap compared to the building's prior offerings. A vivarium that supports the research laboratories was added to the facility and new state-of-the-art offices were built to support researchers, department faculty, and staff.

A new outdoor courtyard area was also added. Seismic modifications strengthened the building, and a modern, higher-performing exterior skin was added to the north wing. Amid these major changes, the renovated building nonetheless continues the prior version's original modern aesthetic using clean lines and materials.

Owner: DFCM / Utah State University
Architect: VCBO Architecture
General Contractor: Jacobsen Construction Company
Civil Engineer: Cache Landmark Engineering
Electrical Engineer: Spectrum Engineers
Mechanical Engineer: VBFA
Structural Engineer: ARW Engineers
Geotech: Edge Excavation, Jones Excavating
Mechanical Subcontractors: KK Mechanical and North Star HVAC
Electrical Subcontractor: Tec Electric
Steel Fabrication: Lundahl Ironworks Company
Glass/Curtain Wall: LCG
Masonry Subcontractor: Shane Demler Masonry
Painting: Mountain Valley Painting
Tile/Stone: Millcreek Tile & Stone
Other Specialty Contractors: Hart Flooring Company, Stone Touch, Flynn-Noorda BEC, Utah Tile & Roofing, Utah Tile & Roofing, Waterproofing West, Edge Excavation, Jones Excavating, Red Rock Demolition, Nelson Landscaping

