



## BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BRIDGE LIGHTING PROJECT

*Architects: Venturi, Scott Brown and Associates, Inc.*

*Location: Philadelphia, PA*

*Client: BenLight Corp./DRPA*

*Completion: 1987*

This design was the winning entry in an open competition to develop a lighting scheme for the Benjamin Franklin Bridge, the span which joins Philadelphia and Camden, NJ, over the Delaware River. Unlike conventional bridge lighting, which tends to emphasize large structural elements such as piers and roadbeds, this scheme highlights the suspension cables themselves, to create a glowing curtain of light across the river. Innovative technology allows the lights to be switched rapidly on an off in sequence, providing a shimmering effect; this is triggered by the frequent passage of commuter trains over the bridge.

The bridge lighting was dedicated during the celebration of the signing of the U.S. Constitution in September 1987.

