



North facade



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South facade

MUSEUM PLACE POST OFFICE

Architect: Hahnfeld, Hoffer, Stanford in association with Venturi, Scott Brown and Associates, Inc.

Location: Fort Worth, TX

Client: Museum Place Development Group

Area: 5,900 sf

Construction Cost: \$1,000,000

Completion: 2009

Fort Worth's Museum Place is a new cultural, civic, commercial, and residential development featuring 500 apartments and condos, 80,000 sf in office space, 160,000 sf of retail and dining, a 180-room luxury hotel, four parking structures, and a new light rail trolley line.

The first increment of the development is our post office -- a full retail service center -- which serves as a unique gateway into the Museum Place development, both in function and design.

"We have loved the problem of designing for a small but important public structure in a big Texan environment," said Robert Venturi and Denise Scott Brown. "The building must have civic scale, cultural relevance, local intimacy, and visibility...."

The north façade is entirely glass to reveal the post office's functions. On its south façade, a mural of the West Texas sky is punctuated by a poignant work of civic art -- a series of steel billboard beams bent during a destructive tornado in 2000.

