



FRANK G. WELLS BUILDING

Architect: Venturi, Scott Brown and Associates, Inc. in association with HKS, Inc.

Location: Burbank, CA

Client: Walt Disney Imagineering Corporate Real Estate

Area: 275,000 sf

Construction Cost: \$41,267,000

Completion: 1998

The Frank G. Wells Building is a five-story office building adjacent to the Main Alameda gate on Disney's Burbank Studio lot. It is a large building designed to be sympathetic with both the low-key Kem Weber buildings that make up the fabric of the campus and the grand Team Disney Building that it faces. It is laid out as a loft building with standard leasable office depths surrounding an interior courtyard. The modest materials of the base building are replaced by more precious materials at the entry. The 2-D porcelain enamel film reels spin off a 3-D film strip, which becomes the entrance sign. The lobby interiors are done in black and white imagery with walls covered in digitally pixilated marble acting as a backdrop for the brushed aluminum info desk and patterned terrazzo floor.

Award: Merit Award, Society for Environmental Graphic Design, 2000.



