

DESIGN EXCELLENCE

Wayne N. Aspinall Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse in Grand Junction, Colorado receives 2014 GSA Design Award for Design Excellence.



Photography by Kevin G. Reeves

Cleveland, OH, May 1, 2014 – The Wayne N. Aspinall Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse in Grand Junction, Colorado has received a 2014 GSA Design Award Citation, with the jury specifically citing the project's achievement in architecture, engineering, interior design, and preservation.

The GSA Design Awards are a hallmark of the GSA's *Design Excellence* program. The awards program showcases top projects and sets new standards for future federal investment. GSA holds the program every two years to honor the accomplishments of talented federal employees, architects, engineers, landscape architects, urban designers, interior designers, artists, conservationists, and preservationists who create and preserve the nation's landmarks. The GSA Design Awards recognizes outstanding achievements in GSA buildings across the country.

A jury of private-sector professionals chaired by architect Henry N. Cobb reviewed more than 80 projects for this cycle of GSA's Design Awards. Projects were submitted in two categories – completed works and designs not yet realized – and evaluated for quality in architecture, preservation, engineering, art, interiors, urban planning, graphic design, and landscape. The 2014 GSA Design Awards ceremony was held on April 30, 2014 in the Amphitheater of the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, DC.

Funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the \$15M modernization and high performing green building renovation of the Wayne N. Aspinall Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse not only preserved an anchor in the Grand Junction community, but also converted the 1918 landmark into one of the most energy efficient and sustainable historic buildings in the country. The design aims to be GSA's first Site Net-Zero Energy facility on the National Register and achieved LEED® Platinum certification.

Exemplifying sustainable preservation, the project restores and showcases historic volumes and finishes, while sensitively incorporating innovative systems and drastically reducing energy consumption. The Design-Build approach acknowledged the federal government's goal to be carbon-neutral by 2030, and creates a "green proving ground" demonstrating how to potentially make an existing historic building perform at net-zero energy, 15 years ahead of schedule. It received a 2014 AIA COTE award for sustainable design excellence.



The project was completed for GSA Rocky Mountain Region by Westlake Reed Leskosky and The Beck Group who were awarded the project in a Design-Build contract. Westlake Reed Leskosky served as Design Architect and Building Engineers of Record, providing architecture, integrated engineering, sustainable design, technology design and historic preservation services. The Beck Group served as Design-Builder and Architect of Record.

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