

## Project Experience



### Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center Washington D.C.

#### Project Description

Silverstein Properties partnered with The Hapsmith Company, Robert Mendelsohn, and Zeckendorf Company as fee developers for the Ronald Reagan Federal Office Building in Washington DC on behalf of the General Services Administration (GSA). This 3.1-million-square-foot building is the second largest federal building after the Pentagon and used for both governmental and private sector purpose.

Opened in 1998, the goal for the facility was to provide a crossroads for government and business to create and promote opportunities for world trade, commerce, communications and international cultural exchanges. Designed by Pei, Cobb, Freed & Partners, it contains 1.4 million square feet of commercial office space, a 2,000-spot parking garage and significant public space, including a ballroom, two-story exhibit hall, 620-seat auditorium (with regular performances), dozens of rooms as part of a conference center, a formal reception hall, retail space, four restaurants and a 980-seat food court. The building's components are interspersed among its 5.7-acre floor plates, of which five are below-grade and five above-grades.

Design architect James Ingo Freed commented the complex was designed to "reflect the symbolic importance and historic character of Pennsylvania Avenue and the Nation's Capital" and to "represent the dignity and stability of the Federal Government." The building was originally intended to serve as a cultural and trade center, but later redesigned as a conference, trade and office facility to meet the economic constraints of the GSA. The building's large rotunda meets Pennsylvania Avenue at a 90-degree angle and opens into the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Plaza, a public space that serves as the front entrance to the building. The complex also has a series of underground passageways that connect it to the Federal Triangle Metro Station, several office buildings, and the Smithsonian museums.

