



Project Profile

Client:

State of Delaware
Division of Historical & Cultural Affairs

Delaware State Visitors Center Biggs Museum of American Art

Design Professional:

Homsey Architects

Location:

Dover, DE

Delivery Method:

General Contracting

Key Challenges:

- To renovate the existing historical building as well as construct an addition with highly technical components with an exterior compatible in appearance to the historic structure.
- To accommodate objectives specific to the Department of State, Division of Facilities Management, Division of Historical & Cultural Affairs, City of Dover, and the Design Team.

Bancroft managed a substantial renovation and restoration to the existing four-story structure – a historical building listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Simultaneously, Bancroft built a 28,000 square foot four-story addition which serves as the Delaware State Visitor's Center and includes a gift shop and exhibit areas. The addition is joined directly with the museum and required a high level of technical expertise in order to ensure the structural integrity of the building while maintaining the aesthetics of the exterior appearance. The roof pitch, roofing materials, and the bricks' texture and color were matched to the existing historic portion to provide compatibility and character between the two buildings.