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Social Security Administration Building

First-time visitors to the new Social Security Building in Birmingham, AL, can't help but stop and gaze.

Floating above them, an undulating ceiling with a brilliant copper finish wends its way along a second-floor mezzanine, journeying past offices, picture windows and a sky-lit courtyard. This awardwinning suspended ribbon made of decorative metal sheets functions both as an arresting design element and a construction feature, concealing electrical, acoustic and interior sprinkler systems.

Located in the new eight-story SSA Building in Birmingham's historic downtown district, the unique ceiling is gaining national attention and recently won a Best of Competition Award for Construction Excellence for ceiling contractor, Steel Ceilings of Johnstown, OH.

Designed by HOK and built by Opus A&E of Atlanta, the 587,000 square-foot building was completed in 2007 and is leased exclusively to the Social Security Administration.



GSC - Social Security Office Birmingham, AL

Specifications

Project Name: GSA- Social Security Office

Location: Birmingham, Alabama

Industry: Institutional

Products Used: Perforated Aluminum / Ceilings Canopies

Colors Used: Copper

Architect: HOK, Atlanta, GA

We shared the honors and supplied the copper-colored, solid core decorative metal sheets with reflective "Clouds" grain, transforming the structural element into a design triumph.

For SSA employees, the professional center is an all-encompassing mini-city with offices, daycare center, bank, retail shops and sky-lit food court.

The suspended ceiling 'floats' throughout the public areas, cascading from the lobby to a busy mezzanine corridor that overlooks the mini-city. As pedestrians stroll along the corridor, light dances on the hand-etched surfaces, creating movement and iridescent reflections. The 0.063-inch decorative metal sheets, copper finish and grain are standard, proprietary Móz products, which are custom-sized for this installation.





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About Móz

Móz designs and fabricates contemporary architectural metal products out of Oakland, California. Our collection of sophisticated materials and colorways—including gradients, metallics, patinas, and neutrals—are the result of continuous experimentation with cuttingedge tools, handcrafted grains, digital imagery, engravings, and laser cutting equipment.

Móz redefines metal surfacing using a unique balance of texture, grain, and color to create architectural metal products crafted for industrial, commercial, and residential markets—from large-scale corporate projects to one-off surface applications. Our innovative materials, products, solutions, and dedication to customer service help clients achieve their designs through quality materials.



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