TRW WORLD HEADQUARTERS

Lyndhurst, Ohio

Building Type: Corporate Headquarters

Overview: Programming, design conceptualization and interior fit-out for

250,000 SF of Corporate Offices, 100,000 SF of Conference/Training, Food Service and Amenity Spaces, and a 8,000 SF four story Atrium.





Role: Project Designer

TRW sought to create an office environment that would support their goal to recruit and retain the brightest minds. TRW never had a stand alone headquarters, and this building is the first of a planned four phase program intended to serve the company for 50 years. The headquarters is designed to house a headquarters staff of 650 employees drawn from their four business sectors automotive, mineral extraction, electronics and aerospace. Over 60% of the building occupants have PhD's in a scientific or technical field.

This project is located on a 220 acre site that was formerly a working dairy farm and registered arboretum. It became apparent early in the pre-design work that a major obstacle to TRW's goal was cultural differences in the employees of the four very different businesses. The building footprint was therefore configured for maximum office exposure to the beautiful site, while creating an inward-looking focus that would foster an interactive, common company culture. A four story interior atrium is at the center of the building; the ground floor is devoted entirely to common areas, and the headquarters offices occupy the upper two and a half floors. Shipping and receiving and a two deck underground employee parking garage are beneath the building.

Peter Blake, the former editor of Architectural Review and a widely-respected architectural critic, cited this project as the seminal work of the decade.