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National Industries for the Blind

Alexandria, Virginia

Size & Capacity:

100,000 SF building

10,000 SF ground floor retail

138-car below grade parking garage

Developer:

MRP Realty

Services:

Masterplanning

Programming

Architecture

Interior Architecture

Construction Administration

Project Description:

National Industries for the Blind has commissioned Davis Carter Scott to design a new headquarters building in Alexandria adjacent to the future Potomac Yard Metro Station. The project is currently under construction and is expected to deliver fall of 2018. The project will achieve a minimum LEED Silver certification from the USGBC. When built, it will house 10,000 square feet of ground level retail. Approximately 50,000 square feet of the office space will be owner occupied with the balance to be provided for lease.

The National Industries for the Blind (NIB) promotes the employment of blind individuals in the US. The exciting challenge in designing the new headquarters space, was to create a highly functional, comfortable, and enjoyable environment for both blind and sighted employees and visitors.

Design of the new space strategically uses colors, textures, and lighting to define circulation throughout the offices, and to create a comfortable and pleasant experience for individuals with all degrees of blindness. Similarly, the light sources, both natural and artificial, are flexible and controllable to allow for maximum comfort for blind and sighted individuals.

The space includes a 50 person, highly flexible conference room with a large breakout area and a full catering pantry. Other features include a rooftop terrace, a fitness center, a showroom for NIB products, and a computer lab.

