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EXCELLENCE

Confidential Aerospace/Defense Headquarters

Reston, VA

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Nestled within a wooded 22-acre site on the rolling hills of Virginia, this bespoke 250,000 sqft corporate headquarters reveals itself as a highly refined lantern of evolved modernism.

The building's users are enveloped in luminous spaces, exuding a calm airiness. Surfaces are interrupted only by structural members or the purposeful intervention of art and changes of materials. Studied, integrated lighting techniques contribute to gestures that expand space and create impressions of great depth of field. Particularly, the lighted ceilings throughout employ optically optimized linear LED fixtures that extend views to adjacent spaces and provide soft lighting on walls.

All the illumination choices are highly methodical: rigorous layouts of minimal downlights, coves, and overt linear expressions all work in harmony with the architecture. The lighting appropriately recedes from view, enhancing the strong modernist structure and its nod to brutalist influences. Refined washes on both hard surfaces and soft materials, and the controlled color palette, dominate our impressions of the project.

The project may be described as high budget with exceedingly low energy use, helping achieve USGBC LEED Silver certification.

"The perfectly aligned pattern of this façade projects outward at dusk and is only surpassed by the quality of natural light it invites in during the day. The carefully balanced lighting of the interior spaces belies the fact that the predominant interior finish is raw, unadorned concrete."

—Richard Southwick, Beyer Blinder Belle
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