

DC DMPED Annex Office
Washington, DC

PRACTICE AREA

Government / Institutional, Interiors

CLIENT

DTZ

STATUS

In Progress

LEED

Certified LEED-CS Gold



SERVICES

Interiors



PROGRAM

Interior architecture, design and strategic planning services for a 9,000 RSF office space.

DESCRIPTION

DTZ and the DC Department of General Services (DGS) is collaborating with WDG in the design and planning of the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) Annex Office relocation. This project is a pilot 'Proof of Concept' space for the agency and potentially other future government agencies. A key goal is to embrace the culture shift and migrate toward a more open and interactive work environment. Dedicated spaces are minimized, therefore, enhancing efficient 'shared' workspaces. Our expertise in workplace design allowed us to provide specific recommendations on revising standards that meet Tenant objectives, while designing spaces responsive and productive to their business functions.

Flexibility and privacy are integral components of DMPED's vision. Expansive lounge areas were designed with several gathering spaces. Furniture was selected to accommodate these goals—two sets of long tables and one lengthy bar counter allow for standing and seated gatherings. Smaller lounge seating areas throughout workstation spaces were positioned for impromptu meetings. Additional space fosters future growth, which in the meantime is utilized for touchdown stations, welcoming employees from other locations to use this space. Multiple conference rooms feature partitions, offering larger or smaller meeting space options. The diverse size of meeting spaces range from large group to individual private rooms. The flexible design provides privacy in an open concept layout, preserving the confidentiality of documents and discussions.

WDG's involvement in the strategic planning and development of new design guidelines

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throughout Phase 1 of the project allows for a seamless approach to accomplishing the project goals. Working together, we have established new office requirements and ensured their alignment with DGS and OP's goals and objectives—tactics such as the gathering feedback from the Client Agency allows for a more holistic project approach. Our engagement with agency partners, constituents, and agency colleagues helps to facilitate the project's success.

2-dimensional drawings (space plans) and sketches based on the approved Test Fit establish the design concept and direction, and address design treatments. Our presentation is further developed to include a 3-dimensional architectural character showcasing additional treatments such as walls, floor and ceiling details, as well as millwork finishes, paint finishes, wood finishes, power locations, hardware and fixture selections, and lighting treatments. WDG's preparation of all construction documents leads to an efficient and budget conscious construction schedule. We enforce bi-weekly meetings during construction, which paves the way for full quality assurance beyond project completion.