National Science Foundation
Arlington, VA

PRACTICE AREA
Interiors

CLIENT
Hoffman Company

STATUS
Completed

LEED
Certified LEED Silver

SERVICES
Interiors

PROGRAM
Interior fit-out and architecture services for new 690,000-sf headquarters for 2,200 employees. Scope includes 40,000-sf conference center, 9,000-sf cafeteria, health center and security command center.

DESCRIPTION
WDG provided interior architecture and architecture design services to the Hoffman Company, Lowe Enterprises and GSA for the NSF’s new headquarters, relocated to the Hoffman Town Center in 2017. Our team worked closely with the NSF to provide a full range of services from program confirmation and space planning efficiency studies through design intent documents, documents for permit, documents for construction and construction administration.

Areas of work were organized into four different zones, strategically placed in the building to maximize the efficiencies such as ceiling height and immediate access to delivery areas. Zone One houses the main visitor’s reception and registration, shipping, receiving, mail, large equipment sorting and staging, in-house printing services, as well as providing a central hub for building security. Zone Two is intended to contain features which will be used by both secure visitors and building employees. These included board rooms, conference rooms, credit union, retail shopping, health and wellness center, and travel office. Zones Three and Four house the permanent staff of the facility including executives, seven science directorates, and operational staff. They also provide ample employee conference space, break and copy zones, as well as both private and open office work solutions on each individual floor.

A universal design approach was incorporated to accommodate this ‘building for everyone.’
Entrance lobbies, waiting and reception areas, and a high-volume visitors center were designed to create environments that could be used by all people regardless of age, size, or level of ability. Level, step-free entrances, large toilet areas, flexible security checkpoints and clear, well-placed signage are some of the design solutions WDG has integrated.