

HECO Building

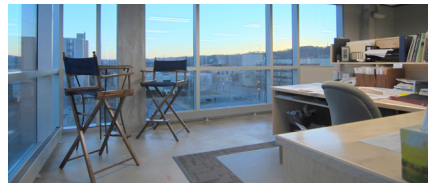
Mankato, MN



Over the last several years, downtown Mankato has experienced a revitalization and the return of many businesses to the urban core. This transformation has resulted in business seeing returns from improving their facilities. US Bank saw the opportunity to move into the recently renovated HECO building, now known as US Bank Plaza.

Anchoring the corner of Hickory and 2nd Streets downtown Mankato, the six-story HECO building is a fixture in the urban core of the city. However, the dated facade of the building and inefficient interior spaces have led to a project to completely renovate and expand the structure. Exterior and interior renovations, along with site improvements including a parking structure were completed.

The eye-catching design intends to strengthen the building's presence on the corner of Second and Hickory by creating a tower that follows the design motif of a Parson's table; a modernist square or rectangular table whose four, flush, square legs are equal in thickness to the top. Emerging from the existing three story



volume the form provides a framework to attach tensioned fabric structures which create an iconic image and allow some shading for the fourth floor roof top patio. Core renovations included corporate office remodels, as well as major improvements to the public spaces, including flooring, wall coverings, lighting, and ceiling panels.

The project involved a complete renovation of the two story space for US Bank. The first floor consists of the lobby and retail customer service, as well as the teller area, vault, and ATM services area. The fifth floor is home to several upscale, residential rental units and three additional floors serve as the new location for the Mankato headquarters for ISG.