



Blake Marvin - HKS, Inc.

## us census bureau headquarters

**Client:** U.S. Census Bureau

**Location:** Washington, DC

**Project Type:** New Construction

**LEED® Status:** LEED® Silver Certified

**Opening:** March 2007

**Construction Cost:** 1.5 million sq. ft / \$350 Million

**Architect:** SOM / HKS

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**AD Scope:** Acoustics | Noise Control | Sound Isolation | AV infrastructure

When the United States Census Bureau outgrew its 1942-vintage home, the General Services Administration (GSA) commissioned Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM) to design a new, 2.5-million-square-foot complex on an adjacent, 80-acre wooded site. HKS—the architect of record—contracted AD to provide acoustic design and a/v infrastructure.

One of the interesting things about the project is that every 10 years the agency has three times the number of employees. SOM organized individual workstations into open-plan “bull pens,” flexible areas that can be expanded from four workstations to 10 when the bureau staffs up for census-taking.