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Luminous flexSpace wins award from the Dallas AIA

5G's entry won an award from the Dallas AIA as one of the top entries in the 2008 design competition for the Dallas Center for Architecture.



Luminous flexSpace



The AIA will host educational, professional, and social events all intended to further the organization, enhance local architects' knowledge and in turn better the local urban environment. The standard hard-walled spaces used by such organizations for meetings and office use too often do not allow it to reach its potential by limiting their spatial configurations and thereby limiting the types of events and activities that may take place. The solution is to provide a system of movable walls immersed in natural daylight that provides flexible meeting, work and display spaces which is then integrated into the larger context of the site. The design achieves this in three ways.

1. Interior moveable walls will display bold graphics, signage, exhibits, recent works and awards. The walls may be open and may signify a lecture or social event. The moving walls are synonymous with activity and face the major exterior public areas.
2. Natural Light is introduced into the space with reflective light panels. A high gloss plaster finish on the ceiling is able to direct light deep into the space despite the wall positions and will have the subtle coloration of the native plant material from the ground plane.
3. The views to street and the future park are always accessible.

The overriding idea is to reconfigure and reinvent for each event with minimal disruptive downtime and none of the environmental impact or longer-term constraints of moving permanent walls. This kind of flexibility will allow the Dallas Center for Architecture to consider hosting events, lectures and continuing education in a way that its current plan does not allow. This new potential might allow more of the Dallas population to become familiar with the AIA, its mission, and the value of architecture in our city.

The materials used will be considered for their environmental impact. They include: Polished concrete floors, Cork partitions walls, Sustainably harvested woods, Steel and Plaster.

