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Hellmuth, Obata + Kassabaum, Inc.
Masonry Contractor
Masonry Concepts, Inc.



USC MICHELSON CENTER FOR CONVERGENT BIOSCIENCE LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Owner

*University of Southern California
Los Angeles, CA*

Architect

*Hellmuth, Obata + Kassabaum, Inc.
Culver City, CA*

Structural Engineering Firm

*John A. Martin & Associates, Inc.
Los Angeles, CA*

General Contractor

*DPR Construction
Newport Beach, CA*

Masonry Contractors

*Masonry Concepts, Inc.
Santa Fe Springs, CA*

Masonry Material

*Pacific Clay Brick / Velour Modular USC Blend
Moonlight Molds / Advanced Architectural Stone
& GFRC*

Square Feet of Masonry

44,000 Sq. Ft. Brick, 16,000 Sq. Ft. Cast Stone

Cost of Masonry

\$7,400,000

Number of Stories

4

Flexibility of masonry construction was a key factor in the design of Michelson Center for Convergent Bioscience located in close proximity of USC's science and engineering buildings.

A major design requirement was to develop a facility in Italian Romanesque style to reflect USC's proud heritage and legacy of the campus. The Italian Romanesque Architectural Style employs 4-inch face brick veneer with hand set cast stone and brick arches that express permanence and importance associated with campus tradition. There was extensive use of Hohmann & Barnard's concealed lintel system in 44 of the 546 brick arches.

Romanesque style detail and intricacy that is expressed so well at the brick vaulted roof shows brick construction at its finest.

Construction by a signatory masonry contractor using members of Bricklayers & Allied Craftsmen Union Locals



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