

Government Building Design **by Dana Ailer**

Government building design has a unique set of criteria for success. Because it's important that all municipal buildings be easily accessible to all citizens of a community, this type of design requires strict adherence to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in addition to thoughtful attention to security and access control issues. Government buildings must also often be flexible, accommodating different types of community needs from day to day.

Indianapolis architecture firm, Architura, has an impressive list of completed government building projects including the 350,000 square foot Birch Bayh Federal Building. Equally adept at handling sensitive historical building requirements and developing innovative designs for new buildings, Architura performed a refurbishment of the existing Morgan County Court House in Martinsville, and designed a new 30,000 square foot court house annex for the county. Architura has such a wonderful reputation with historically sensitive design that they were commissioned to design the 170,000 square foot Indiana Historical Society building.

Mike Conly, a principal at Architura, was instrumental in the development and construction of the new Hamilton County Jail, an innovative example of contemporary building design. This high tech and security focused project included an underground emergency center and separate juvenile detention facility along with the jail.

With so many diverse and successful projects under their belt, clients can be confident that Architura is knowledgeable and well equipped to address all the unique requirements of municipal buildings. Contact Lynn Williamson (lynn.williamson@archituracorp.com) for more detailed information about Architura's government building design expertise.