



After completing a major reconfiguration involving 6 floors of the 180,000 sq. ft. office building in 1999 (undertaken in order to shift City departments from the old City Hall Annex to One Texas Center), Laurie Smith Design Associates (LSDA) was asked to implement work on additional floors including the renovation of the 9th floor and a portion of the 10th for the Public Works Department (completed in 2001).

In 2002, LSDA prepared a feasibility study related to the relocation of three departments (300 people) from lease spaces to OTC. The study, which involved the renovation of an additional 4 1/3 floors, included reconfiguration of the 8th floor for a department already in the building. The study consisted of the development of a complete program for the four departments, preliminary space plans for each, and complete construction and furniture budgets for each affected floor. It showed that the building would accommodate enough people under the full-gut scenario to vacate several leases, producing a pay-back period of two years. Subsequently, Smith + Morton Architecture (S+ma) was asked to implement the building renovations and the acquisition of systems furniture for the project. In 2005, LSDA was hired to reconfigure two floors that had been renovated in the original 1999 project in order to accommodate the needs of the new “One Stop Shop” for building permitting. In 2009, LSDA worked on a new feasibility study, addressing all occupants of the building, in an attempt to discover what changes should be made in order to comfortably and efficiently accommodate all functions associated with the various aspects of the “One Stop Shop”.

Laurie Smith Design Associates / Smith + Morton Architecture provided a complete range of architecture, and interior design services, as well as coordinating the involvement of a number of other consultants for all the aforementioned projects.