

DPR Construction to renovate AIA HQ

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DPR Construction Inc. said Tuesday it was selected by the **American Institute of Architects** for a major renovation of the AIA's national headquarters in Washington D.C.

Redwood City-based DPR Construction did not disclose financial terms of the deal.

The contract calls for renovation of the AIA's 180,000-square-foot building which was originally designed by The Architect's Collaborative, a firm founded by Walter Gropius, one of the most innovative and influential architects of the 20th century.

First occupied in 1973, the building is located a few blocks from the White House.

The project may use photovoltaic panels, wind turbines or geothermal systems and also looks to harvest 100 percent of the rain

water falling on the site to reduce demand for potable water and ease the city's overstressed sewer system.

Construction on the AIA project is tentatively scheduled to start late spring/early summer of 2009, with completion expected by the end of 2011.