

# HOUSE OF SWEDEN

Georgetown,  
Washington, D.C.



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Structures Option

## Building Statistics

- o Constructed from August 4, 2004 to May 12, 2006
- o Delivered in a Design - Bid - Build method
- o **North Building:**
  - \$22.1 Million Overall Building Cost
  - 7 Building Levels Above Grade
  - 170,000 SF of Office and Residential Space
- o **South Building:**
  - \$19.7 Million Overall Building Cost
  - 6 Building Levels Above Grade

## Architecture

- o Built on a single foundation with two separate towers rising out of the site
- o The glass façade of the south building is backlit to create the illusion of a floating jewel rising above the Potomac River on a light colored stone podium
- o The north building is clad in glass and metal paneling with a light stone base
- o The roofing is rigid insulation topped with ballast over monolithic EDPM waterproofing membrane

## Mechanical and Electrical Systems

- o A central plant located in the penthouse of the north building runs the mechanical system for both buildings except in the embassy, which has its own ventilation system
- o The electrical system is a 277/480 V, 3 phase, 4 wire system for public space lighting and steps down to 120/208 V for receptacles and incandescent lighting

## Project Team

- o **Owner:** LANO Armada Harborside, LLC
- o **General Contractor:** Armada Hoffer
- o **Tenant-South Building:** SFV National Property Board
- o **Architect of Record:** VOA Associates, Inc.
- o **Architect-South Building:** Wingardh Arkitektkontor AB
- o **Structural Engineer:** Tadjer - Cohen - Edelson
- o **MEP Engineer:** Tolk, Inc.
- o **Civil Engineer:** Wiles Mensch Corp

## Structural System

- o Post-tensioned, two-way concrete slab system with drop panels and piles supporting a mat foundation
- o North building typical bay sizing is 30' x 30', slab thickness is 7"-8", and concrete strength is 6 or 8 ksi
- o South building typical bay sizing is 32' x 22', slab thickness is 10"-12", and concrete strength is 6 or 8 ksi
- o North building lateral system is shear walls to the fourth floor then concrete moment frame, north building is all concrete moment frame

## Special Systems

- o Due to the sensitive nature of the building, intrusion detection was a necessary part of the design
- o Interior protected areas were outfitted with redundant state-of-the-art intruder detection systems
- o Also included is surge protection and tamper protection on system components



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