

Illinois Visitors Center

Illinois Capital Development Board / Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)

Location

St. Clair County, Illinois

Construction Completion

2010 (Est.)

Construction Cost

\$3 million

Area

7,500 square feet

DMA Services Provided

Architecture

Civil Engineering

Structural Engineering



Rendering provided by (IDOT)

The Visitors Center is a major tourist information center supported by the Southwestern Illinois Tourism Bureau, providing education and economic awareness opportunities for local and out-of-state travelers on Interstate 255.

Located near the Our Lady of the Snows Shrine, the 7,500-square-foot Visitors Center includes a tourist information and display area in the main lobby, offices for the Southwestern Illinois Tourism Bureau and the State Historic Preservation Agency, exhibit areas, a multimedia center, vending area, and restrooms. The building is ADA compliant and has low-level displays for the various interactive tourist attraction displays. The exhibit "Illinois River of Time" emphasizes seven major tourist attractions, including Cahokia Mounds, Martin-Boismenu House, Fort de Chartres, Jarrot Mansion, Fort Kaskaskia, Pierre Menard Home and the Lewis and Clark State Historic Sites. The site includes a scenic overlook terrace and walking pathways.

The single-story building is a steel frame building. The exterior roof is a standing seam shell curved metal roof, walls are high tech metal panels on each end with glass curtain walls at the east and west sides of the building exterior. As visitors enter the lobby through automatic sliding doors they will be met with a view of the St. Louis skyline through the high glass curtain wall to the northwest.

The roadway design provided vehicular access from Illinois State Route 15, as well as North Demazenod Road and Printing Access Road. A stormwater collection system was designed for the roadway and site, as well as essential utility services to the building for sanitary sewer, fire protection and domestic water, electrical and telephone. In addition, the property right-of-way for the new roadway was established.

