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TORPEDO FACTORY

Alexandria, Va.



OWNER: City of Alexandria
PROJECT COMPLETION: December 2006

NATURE OF PROJECT:
Old, outdated roller shades were removed and replaced with new. The project also required the replacement of broken glass as well as installation of solar film and vinyl graphics on the glass.

TYPE OF BUILDING:
This building was a Torpedo Factory during and after World War II



The building is located in an area of Alexandria, VA known as "Old Towne", a very upbeat area of shops, restaurants and art. The Torpedo Factory was converted to an art center and currently houses hundreds of artists throughout its three levels.



COMPLEXITY OF THE PROJECT:
This building was built before WWII and is a three story concrete warehouse. The windows are very large and individual windows span the 2nd and 3rd floor. The sheer size of the windows made the installation challenging. To further complicate the project, artists occupy the entire building and valuable sculptures, paintings, crystal and pottery fill nearly every space in the building.

The openings were not uniform so a careful measuring and numbering system had to be used to ensure the correct shade went on the correct window.

Much schedule coordination was required to accommodate the artists as well as their work. Both the management and installers of Commercial Window Shield ensured the work flowed smoothly.

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Mr. Davis was very happy and impressed with the way the project was planned and coordinated with the building occupants.