

The Boston Society of Architects (BSA) opens new headquarters, BSA Space

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Located on Boston's waterfront between the Fort Point Channel and the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway, BSA Space opened in the Atlantic Wharf building at 290 Congress St. The design of the new headquarters by Boston-based firm Höweler + Yoon Architecture is centered around a highly visible "cloud" ceiling and an iconic stair. These two architectural elements act as brand markers for BSA Space and an invitation into the exhibits and meeting spaces above. The design was chosen via a competition in fall 2010.

BSA Space offers approximately 6,000 s/f of gallery space. The inaugural exhibit is IN FORM, which presents a 50-year legacy of projects in Boston that were envisioned to increase access to the city. Three themesâ€"Legible City, New/Public and Futuresâ€"explore how design can shape our understanding of the city, expand its cultural impact and propose new possibilities for its development. Combining architecture and urban planning with the design of information, exhibitions and events, each of these built and unbuilt projects embodies a particular vision of what Boston is and what it could be. IN FORM was curated and designed by local design firm over,under and is sponsored by Cambridge Seven Associates and Eastern Salt Company.

Additional exhibits currently on display include over,under's Boston architecture, an interactive map highlighting the city's contemporary and historical architecture; Mapping Big Bend, an outdoor exhibition of site-specific installations by a Wentworth Institute of Technology studio class; and Fold! an origami inspired installation from Aisha Densmore-Bey Assoc. AIA.

In addition to gallery exhibits, BSA Space hosts architectural boat and walking tours, lectures, films, and other events that engage the wider world with design. BSA Space also offers expanded facilities for member and professional programs.

The BSA Space gallery is open daily from 10:00 am-6:00 pm and all are welcome. Admission is free.

For more information, visit bsaspace.org.

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