A. Alfred Taubman Center for Design Education

**Identification**

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<td>Current Status</td>
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**Location**

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<th>Continent Name</th>
<th>North America</th>
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<tr>
<th>State Name</th>
<th>Michigan</th>
<th>Address (as text)</th>
<th>485 West Milwaukee Street</th>
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<tr>
<td>Zone</td>
<td>New Center</td>
<td>Main Address</td>
<td>435-501 West Milwaukee Street</td>
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<td>Metro Area Name</td>
<td>Detroit-Warren-Flint Combined Statistical Area</td>
<td>Virtual Address</td>
<td>500 West Baltimore Street 6400-6432 2nd Avenue</td>
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<td>City Name</td>
<td>Detroit</td>
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Map

Description

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<tr>
<th>Structural Material</th>
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<tr>
<td>Facade System</td>
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<td>brick</td>
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<td>Facade Color</td>
<td>light gray</td>
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Spatial dimensions

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<th>Height (structural)</th>
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<td>Height (roof)</td>
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<td>Gross Floor Area (GFA)</td>
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Years and costs

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<th>Year (construction start)</th>
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<td>Year (construction end)</td>
<td>1930</td>
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<td>Year (last renovation)</td>
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Features & Amenities

- Fire escape attached to facade

Facts

- The building was originally constructed as General Motors' first research facility in 1926, and was enlarged in 1936. The company largely vacated the building when they moved from New Center to downtown in 1997, and completely left the building by 1999.
- Fire Insurance Maps indicate this building is 140 feet to the main roof, not including the prominent penthouse.
- Orton Development of California was to renovate the building for mixed-used starting in the spring of 2006, but due to the economy the plan never came to fruition.
- The College for Creative Studies of Detroit announced on June 18, 2008, that they had begun to renovate the building for classroom space and 300 beds of student housing, and will occupy 70 percent of the building. The $145 million renovation is scheduled for completion in fall 2009.

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Involved companies

**Architect**

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Additional company data available for this building

**Project Management**

Renovations

**Renovation 1936**

**Companies involved in this renovation**

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