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Aragon begins build-out at One Rock Plaza

Aragon Construction, a general contracting and construction management firm has begun work on a 17,800 s/f interior build-out at One Rockefeller Plaza for Computer Science Corporation, a provider of information technology services. Working in conjunction with the architecture firm Gensler, Aragon is expected to complete the project in mid-September.

CSC's new space will utilize the entire 27th floor and employ a black, white and red color palette to create a contemporary feel. Walker Zanger tiles have been used throughout the lobby and restrooms, while marble stone flooring will be incorporated at the elevators and reception. Fabric panels, carpet tile, broadloom and glass will also be used to enhance the look and feel of the space.

"The primary goal was to create an impressive experience for Computer Science Corporation's clients as they enter the space," said Kathleen Friedle, project manager, of Gensler. "The use of stone, metal and glass was intended to reflect this modern, technology-driven company."

The prime midtown location will include 15 perimeter executive offices, four conference rooms, three meeting rooms, perimeter work stations and nine hotelling rooms, which provide traveling employees and clients with a temporary workstation. The glass-fronted offices and open layout promote a collaborative work environment, making employees and clients more open and visible to each other as well

as providing plenty of natural light. The two glass-fronted conference rooms bordering the elevator will also serve as art galleries.

The lighting throughout the office is controlled by motion sensors to reduce excess energy consumption. The reception area will include, modern floating planters, making the greenery look as if it is suspended in mid-air.

There will be a complete build-out of the men's and women's bathrooms, including the addition of an ADA handicap bathroom. The construction, which has required waste lines be run throughout the tenant spaces below, initially posed a logistical challenge.

"We had to be mindful of the other tenants, who were still trying to conduct business during the construction," said Alex Getelman, President and Founder of Aragon Construction. Occupying a full floor in a historic building was a major selling point for CSC when deciding to move from its current location at 200 Park Avenue.

Getelman believes One Rockefeller Plaza, which was originally known as the Time-Life Building, is an ideal fit for the international company.

"The iconic location combined with the new space's unique, modern feel will be a perfect complement to the type of work they do," he notes. Other tenants in this 34-story, 608,397 s/f office tower, which was constructed in 1936 by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., include DirectTV Group and the Netherlands Consulate General.