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Global Awards for Excellence: Roosevelt University Student Living, Academic, and Recreation Center, Chicago, Illinois

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Owner: Roosevelt University

Program manager: John Buck Company

Owner's representative: Jones Lang LaSalle

Architecture and design: VOA Associates Inc.

General contractor: Power Construction

The Wabash Building is an expansion of Roosevelt University's Chicago campus. Located on a small midblock site of 17,500 square feet (1,600 sq m), the "vertical university" comprises 420,000 square feet (3,900 sq m) of mixed-use space, including classrooms, lecture halls, laboratory spaces, student services, university administration facilities, and a 632-bed student residential space.

Main entrance to Roosevelt University's Wabash Building. (Roosevelt University)

This project for a not-for-profit private institution of higher education was developed to support the university's mission with state-of-the-art facilities that consolidate and expand existing and new programs in a tall-building model that represents a prototype for metropolitan universities of the future. This high-rise approach has the advantage of offering

students access to the majority of their university activities within a single structure, affording them a lifestyle in the heart of Chicago's rich educational, social, and cultural scene. The expansion, which opened in May 2012, is certified Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold.

View from the students' dormitory. (Tom Rossiter)

Student dining hall. (Tom Rossiter)

The lobby of the main entrance to the 32-story Wabash Building. (Tom Rossiter)

Site plan.

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