

Blue Cross / Blue Shield

Detroit, Michigan

“The combination of using load-bearing precast panels with inset brick with precast columns and spandrels allowed the project to respond to both the original precast concrete office tower as well as the brick-clad buildings in the Bricktown Neighborhood District of Detroit. The freedom of precast concrete permitted a lively façade with a wide variety of whimsical openings of variable sizes within the punched grid of the opening.”

*Kathy Buck
Neumann/Smith Architecture*



This LEED certified parking structure has more than 1800 parking spaces. It is a total precast system consisting of approximately 2000 pieces. This project includes a 52,307 sq. ft. vegetated roof, which is the first in the city of Detroit. It also includes a 1/10th mile walking track made of recycled rubber material surrounded by eight varieties of sedum plants. Stormwater is drained off this roof and stored in a reservoir for future use in irrigating various parks and trees throughout the BCBS campus.



“Sustainable design looks down on the automobile as detrimental to the environment. But a very thoughtful way of handling automobiles in the built environment can be achieved with sustainable design, and it’s a necessary concept.”

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