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The result of an invited competition, this 3,500 square foot suite includes a reception/exhibit area, boardroom, conference room, library, private offices, workstations and a kitchen and break room.

Beyond providing a modern, functional office environment, the goal for the project was to inform and educate the members and general public about the process of architecture and the mission of the AIA through the exhibits that can be displayed throughout the space. The primary organizing element of the space is a long, planar exhibition wall of orange Venetian plaster that separates the public gathering spaces from the private work areas. An undulating perforated metal ceiling defines the reception/exhibition area while a floating white ceiling plane defines the workstation area. A curved translucent wall veils the conference room and library from the reception area. The built-in cabinetry objects at the library and reception area are designed as small-scale architectural pieces with a formal language based on the planar forms of the office suite. Designed by Christopher Coe while Partner and Design Principal of COE Design Architecture.

