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ALBUQUERQUE, NM — O'Malley Contract & Manufacturing Division has been named the recipient of the 1986 Amarlite Environmental Award. The award, recognizing outstanding achievement in the remodeling category, is granted for the unique manner in which the remodeling was performed on the First Interstate Bank Building.

The owners of the building, The Albuquerque Trust, wanted a more modern, upscale appearance. This was also an opportunity for the building, which had been covered with turquoise spandrels in 1960, to be made more energy efficient.

Because the building was currently occupied, a method had to be devised to cause as little intrusion and inconvenience to the occupants as possible. O'Malley developed a system that would allow the new spandrels of glass to hang directly over the existing framework. Through computer analysis, it was determined that the building could support the added weight.

O'Malley performed the custom fabricating work themselves and designed all materials to be brought in through the building on the existing elevators. This resulted in cost savings due to the elimination of scaffolding and other construction needs.

The technology resulted in the elimination of leaks as well as increased energy efficiency. All was intended to modernize the structure and regain the building's previous prominent position in the Albuquerque skyline.

O'Malley Contract & Manufacturing Division is a seventy-five year old provider of glass, millwork and hardware for use in renovation, restoration and new construction. The architects for the remodeling project was W. C. Kruger & Associates of Albuquerque.

*The Albuquerque Trust Building
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