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MSU Dillard College of Business Administration Wichita Falls, Texas

In January 2004, the MSU Board of Regents hired local architects Bundy, Young, Sims, and Potter to design the three-story, 89,000 square-foot building to house its new College of Business Administration. Two older obsolete buildings were razed to allow the new A.R. Dillard Building to anchor the north axis of the traditional campus quadrangle. The \$14.1 million building began construction in January 2005 and was dedicated in September 2006 in time to begin the fall semester.

Respectfully sited adjacent to the original Hardin Administration Building, the new building compliments the detail and architectural purity, while playing the gatekeeper of the north entrance to the campus. The brick and cast-stone craftsmanship is reminiscent of a by-gone era in masonry construction, requiring masons expert in the intricate mechanics of brick corbelling, arch work and blending, applied to a three-story steel-framed Romanesque building filled with modern-day technology and education space.

The MSU Dillard Building is truly a fine blend of craftsmanship, art, and architecture. The classical Romanesque exterior is contrasted by the technology-laden interior space where cabling and structural members are exposed for convenience and effect.

The MSU Dillard COBA building won the 2006 BAC Craft Award for Best Brick Project.

In 2007, *Consumer Digest* recognized MSU as the #1 "Best Value" in the nation of all public Colleges and Universities. This honor was achieved, in part, by the addition of the newly-completed Dillard Building.

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Construction Cost: \$ 14.1 million

Construction Complete: September, 2006

Total Square Footage: 89,000 sf

