Concrete Masonry Units Provide Installation Versatility During Credit Union Remodel

**Application:** Commercial Remodel

**Solutions:** Installation Versatility, Color and Texture Options for Matching Another Branch Office

Concrete masonry manufactured by County Materials proved itself as a key solution to this major interior and exterior renovation project. Masonry design along with inspiring material usage makes the remodeled credit union and corporate headquarters building unrecognizable from its former self.

Concrete masonry was selected for this project for several reasons. First, it offered the overall look the credit union desired. A few years prior to the remodel, the credit union opened another branch which was constructed with masonry. The masonry selected for the headquarters remodel matches the color, texture, and design as the branch location. The credit union was happy with how masonry from County Materials was able to emulate the branch building and create a “family of two credit unions.”

Concrete masonry was also selected because it offered the headquarters building a low maintenance option with proven longevity. The building's previous exterior, constructed with an alternative material, had noticeably outlived its purpose. Discoloring and damage was present throughout the building. In addition, masonry was better for the region's climate by offering high thermal values.

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Finally, masonry offered the extreme versatility required for a remodeling project of this scope. Masonry construction was low impact on the credit union whose operations continued at full capacity during construction. The mason constructed a frame around the building, then laid a full-bed masonry wall on the frame. This frame also added additional support for the building’s transition from a flat roof to a pitched roof. In addition, concrete masonry was utilized to construct a clock tower protruding from the roof.

The overall design utilizes a combination of colored concrete masonry units, in Premier Ultra Burnished and Splitface units. The Twilight Premier Ultra Burnished units create several swaths throughout the exterior that offer an appealing color contrast. The burnished units are framed with Crimson and Firebrush colored masonry units that create a vibrant aesthetic and mirror the credit union’s branding color. Different patterns of smooth and texture block add interest to the overall design.