



450 Lexington Avenue New York, NY

450 Lexington is a 40-story, 700,000 sq ft office tower built over the existing eight-story Grand Central Post Office. The building is classic in design and sets new standards of efficiency, quality and tenant services. Intelligent computerized operating systems represent the latest in engineering excellence.

The project was developed by Gerald Hines Interests and was carefully coordinated and scheduled to accommodate the installation of structural columns throughout the Post Office and the routing of all mechanical and electrical utilities through the operating areas to serve the office space. The Post Office was restored to its original grandeur as part of the overall project.

Existing utilities under Grand Central Terminal were either modified, relocated or replaced with new systems. The project also involved the design of new train shed smoke exhaust shafts routed through the existing Post Office building. Construction activities taking place within the active train shed required close coordination with the Metro-North railroad and compliance with its standards for horizontal and vertical clearances and storage capacity.

The building won the 1994 BOMA excellence award for Operating Office Building of the Year, over 500,000 sq ft category.

Architect: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill

