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Address: 933 East 56th Street
Year Construction: 1964
Year Acquired: 1964
Architect: Skidmore Owings Merrill
Gross Square Feet: 47,088
Primary Use: Academic Office
Design Zone: Campus West
Last Major Renovation:
 None
Comments:
 Getty Grant assessment 2004

REGULATORY STATUS

National Register: No
NR Historic District:
 Hyde Park-Kenwood Historic District
Chicago HRS Color Code: None

1 - Site

Land Ownership Status: Owned
Location - Physical:
Location - Program Adjacency:
Location Comment:

The building, on a raised plinth with central south-facing entrance axis on South Ingleside Street, was designed as an addition to the Research Institutes complex and is interconnected with the other buildings in the complex via an underground tunnel system.

2 - Adaptability

Construction Type:

Reinforced concrete construction

Accessibility:

Entrance - Y; Bathrooms - N

Floor-to-Floor Height:

Per drawings: First floor - 11'-2.5"; Second floor - 11'-2.5"

Structural Capability:

Drawings indicate that the building was designed to allow the addition of one or two additional stories. Structural drawings are available - exact loading calculations will require engineering analysis.

Adaptability Exterior:

Additional floors could be added to building.

Adaptability Interior:

Labs and offices could be reconfigured; current lab design requirements would need to be tested to see if existing building ceiling heights and mechanical systems could support new uses.

Adaptability Physical Features:

Basement contains "deep well" research facility

Adaptability Structure:

The reinforced concrete structure with wide bays and non-load bearing interior partitions would allow for reconfiguration. Program-specific building features such as lab spaces limit reconfiguration for other uses.

3 - Building Envelope

Roof Type: Built-up (1990)

Exterior Facade:

Glass, Limestone veneer

Exterior Base: Granite

Exterior Trim: Limestone

4 - Heritage and Historic

Landmark Status:

No

National Register: No

NR Historic District:

Hyde Park-Kenwood Historic District

NR Comments:

The building is individually noted in Appendix I as a post-WWII building.

CHRS Comments:

Not listed as of July 2011

Heritage - Exterior:

The exterior of the building is substantially original and in reasonably good condition. Later addition of a ramp to allow accessibility on the south facade

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altered the distinctive design of the pavilion building on a raised plinth. Typical features of its period of design include an exterior skin of limestone veneer and aluminum storefront single pane un-insulated glazing components. The storefront system is a standard manufactured assembly and does not have distinctive or innovative design features.

Heritage - Interior:

Interior surfaces are substantially unchanged and feature painted CMU walls, resilient tile and carpeted flooring, and acoustical tile ceilings. There are no unique or significant interior finish materials or detailing in typical interior spaces. Limited renovation and maintenance work has been undertaken since the building's completion. Interior reconfiguration has occurred in laboratory spaces including the basement.

Significant Spaces Identified:

Heritage Culture Elements:

The building was designed to house the Laboratory for Space Sciences of the Enrico Fermi Institute for Nuclear Studies, and constituted an addition to the existing Research Institutes building complex.

Architectural Awards Certification:

None identified

Heritage and History - General Comments:

5 - Sustainability

Certifications:

None

Window Last Replacement:

Never

Weather Stripping:

Not available

R Value Roof/Wall:

Drawings indicate insulated window and spandrel assemblies but no insulation at the masonry structure. No roof information

Systems:

HVAC system including air handlers at the end of their useful life and are being assessed for replacement

Deficiencies: