

Bank of the West (formerly Perpetual Bank)

Location: Edgewood Rd., NE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Completed: Spring 1996

Size: 4,000 s.f.

Construction: Masonry & Stone
Veneer with wood
Framing

Developer: AEGON
Dave Blankenship
Dennis Ford
Kevin Bestick



As the first building in this development, Brost Architects and Planners assisted AEGON in setting the design precedents that would later be incorporated in all subsequent buildings in this development, called North River Village. The brick color, limestone, metal roof color, aluminum window framing, and green tinted glass all had to be incorporated into future buildings.

In addition to the limestone and brick that became the hallmark of the neighborhood, this Bank of the West building incorporates Kalwall skylights over both the drive thru and the main lobby space, in order to utilize natural day lighting strategies to offset electrical lighting.

In the evening, however, the skylights are lit up; creating a glowing jewel affect that draws people to the building, as well as creating a better lit area to make occupants feel safer and more at ease.

