

"The project was the recipient of the American Institute of Steel Construction Merit Award"

Client: Erie Western Pennsylvania Port Authority

The new Cruise Boat Visitors Terminal is situated at the end of the Holland Street Pier in Erie's Bayfront District. Formally an industrial site squarely in the country's "Rust Belt," the Erie Western Pennsylvania Port Authority was looking for a signature building to continue Erie's bayfront renaissance.

With the building serving as first contact to the City of Erie and possibly the United States, the owner wanted a bright, modern facility while at the same time evoking the area's industrial heritage.

Steele Structural Engineers was tasked with providing an economical structural system that could be quickly and easily constructed. The design team turned to a combination of wide-flange and hollow structural shapes to provide the ideal combination of clean lines, strength and cost effectiveness.

The modular frame system that resulted received the prestigious American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC) Merit Award in the 2003 Engineering Awards of Excellence. The awards give national recognition to structural engineering excellence and innovation in steel framed building projects.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Economical Structural System
- Ease of Construction
- Modular Frame System
- National Award-Winner

