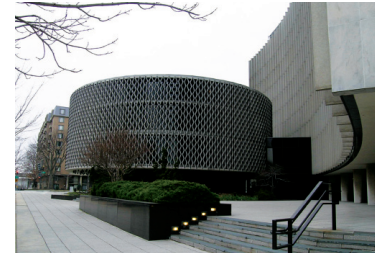


On the Boards: PAHO Headquarters Renovation
Washington, DC

- Karn Charuhas Chapman & Twohey (KCCT) architects is renovating the Knowledge Space at the headquarters of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) in Washington, DC to integrate two emergency response teams into the 2,400 sf circular facility currently occupied by Knowledge Management and Sharing. KCCT also is conducting a space study for the three PAHO facilities.
- Principal Enrique A. Bellini, AIA, EFI, Project Manager James Dudney, RA, and Chief Programmer Jamie Leclerc, ASID, LEED®AP, lead the KCCT team.
- The renovation will accommodate the spacial and technical needs of the Emergency Operations Center teams, who coordinate disaster responses, with shared conference rooms, workstations and a library. During emergencies the Knowledge Space will become the disaster response command center for management and exchange of critical information to key personnel and government agencies.

Completed Project: New USAID Annex Office Building
Tbilisi, Georgia

- Karn Charuhas Chapman & Twohey (KCCT) architects completed the design of the New USAID Annex Office Building in Tbilisi, Georgia for the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Overseas Building Operations.
- John Chapman, AIA, principal in charge, and Paul Phillips, AIA, project manager, led the design of the 29,000 sf building constructed by the Framaco Epik Metis Joint Venture.
- The three-story annex building complements the existing Chancery with a limestone and basalt stonework exterior. The team organized the interior around an open lobby with a central stone staircase using clerestory windows for indirect natural light.



PAHO Headquarters, Washington, DC



James Dudney, RA, project manager for PAHO renovation



Jamie Leclerc, ASID, LEED®AP, chief programmer for PAHO space study

KCCT Highlights



Simon Mance, intern

- In March 2009, Karn Charuhas Chapman & Twohey (KCCT) architects' Simon Mance, intern, spoke at the 9th Annual Structures for Inclusion Conference in Dallas, TX about his work on the award-winning design and construction of the 5.4.7. Arts Center with Studio 804 in Greensburg, KS.
- Mance joined Studio 804, a nonprofit organization providing students with experience in the development and construction of affordable, sustainable and prefabricated buildings, in 2008 to design and build the 1,600 sf arts center using sustainable solutions such as solar panels, a geothermal system and three wind turbines. The Arts Center is part of the sustainable redevelopment of Greensburg, KS, where a tornado killed 11 residences and leveled 95 percent of the city in May 2007.
- After joining KCCT in October 2008, Mance helped design New Embassy Compounds in Bucharest, Romania and Malabo, Equatorial Guinea. In his spare time, he volunteers with Architecture in the Schools, an architecture education program for students in Washington, DC. He also is helping Working Boys Center, in Quito, Ecuador, establish a design/build experience for architecture enthusiasts. Mance earned a master's degree in architecture from the University of Kansas School of Architecture and Urban Planning.

Low-resolution files are attached. If you would like hi-resolution files for press purposes, please ask.

About KCCT Architects

Karn Charuhas Chapman & Twohey (KCCT), architecture, planning and interiors, is located in Washington, DC. With 25 years experience, KCCT is a leading architecture firm for the Architect of the Capitol and the U.S. Department of State, with projects completed in more than 120 foreign countries. KCCT's design excellence has been acknowledged with more than 25 professional awards, including GSA National Design Awards and AIA Design Awards.