

Transportation

James A Farley Building and Train Station New York, NY

Kroll Security Group (KSG) assisted Skidmore Owings & Merrill with the planning, design and implementation of security systems for the Pennsylvania Station Redevelopment Corporation (PSRC). The scope of the project included the expansion of the existing Penn Station into the Farley Building. Moynihan Station, a train hall, was also built in the annex of the James A. Farley Post Office Building. The project was to accommodate current and future requirements of the United States Postal Service, while creating a world-class transportation facility.

The Penn Station High Speed Rail project security system consisted of a closed circuit television system designed to provide surveillance of the passenger waiting areas, boarding and queuing areas, and customer service counters. The system is monitored on-site in several Amtrak offices within Penn Station. The function of the system is primarily operational and designed to provide Amtrak operations with an indication of the number of passengers in the lounge and queuing at the escalators before boarding trains. The secondary function of the system was to provide surveillance of the lounge and customer service counters for identification and deterrence of criminal activity.

Subsequent to the redevelopment project, KSG was tasked with identifying and developing security recommendations for the PSRC. The objective was to produce an outline security program that would define the responsibilities and basic structure of security operations for a Developer-Operator that would have overall management responsibilities for the redeveloped facility.

While day-to-day security was the primary concern, life safety and emergency preparedness were also considerations. This was driven by the fact that security in a large public facility must respond to many types of incidents including life, health and safety. Thus, security provisions must balance traditional security concerns with public health and welfare.

The Farley building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and occupies two full city blocks. The Farley Post Office holds the distinction of being the only Post Office in New York City that is open to the public 24 hours and 7 days a week.

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