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The **Business Assistance Center**, originally designed by one of Denver's premier 20th century architects, Temple Buell, serves as a mixed-use combination of five historic buildings, incorporating a conference center, offices, and a retail center, as well as a daycare facility. The current client, an inner city nonprofit organization, used federal, state, and city funds to rebuild the facility, and thus provide the inner city business community with a Business Assistance Center. Upon its renovation, and with the help of the Colorado Historical Society and the National Parks Service, the project was placed on the National Registry of historic places.

The project posed a number of challenges, such as, establishing an urban design center that would revitalize the degraded area, and providing a full restoration of all of the historic elements. Although still under construction, the end result will provide a new anchor for the area, and offer assistance to disadvantaged business owners.



