

Albert Kahn

Albert Kahn Associates, Inc. (AKA), the 400-person architectural planning, design, and management firm, has completed a \$4.5 million renovation of its offices in the historic Albert Kahn Building on Second Avenue. AKA occupies space on the building's 1st and 2nd floors and concourse level, as well as the 5th, 6th and 7th floors in their entirety, for a total of 100,000 square feet.

AKA's 'new' offices accommodate a growing workforce, expanded services, and new technology with team-oriented workspaces. On typical floors, offices were moved away from windows to allow all employees to benefit from the views.

The first floor includes the main reception area and lobby as well as an 1,100-square-foot, state-of-the-art videoconferencing theater, in which the firm demonstrates its virtual reality, 3-D modeling and visualization capabilities – offered to clients by the firm's new Kahn Digital Studio (KDS) group.

With its new first floor presence, AKA's identity in the building has been enhanced by use of the building's soaring display windows, designed for the original tenant, Saks Fifth Avenue. The windows now showcase the firm's work on large photo murals with banners incorporating the decorative pattern of the wrought iron used on the building's Art Deco facade.

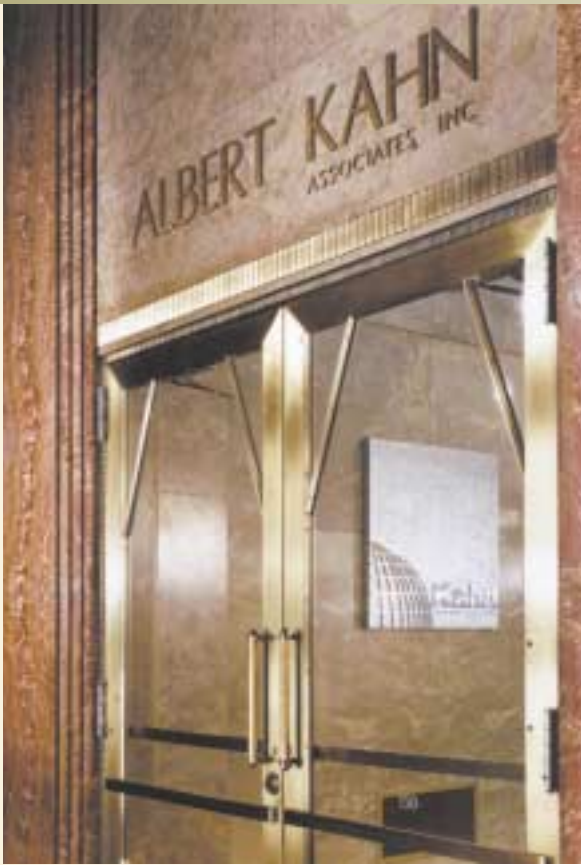
The 10-story Albert Kahn Building, designed by firm founder and internationally recognized architect Albert Kahn, has been the firm's home since its completion in 1931. Originally named the "New Center Building" by Detroit's Fisher brothers, who owned and developed the building, it was renamed the Albert Kahn Building in 1988. Albert Kahn Associates, founded in 1895 by architect Albert Kahn, estimates that 2000 revenues will be \$47 million.

Join Toastmasters With AKA

One of the newest chapters of Toastmasters, named KAHN We Talk!, was organized in New Center last year at Albert Kahn Associates. Currently most of the members are AKA staff, but anyone interested in improving their speaking skills is invited to stop by for a couple of meetings to find out what it's all about. New members are warmly welcomed.

Involvement in Toastmasters helps develop the communication and leadership skills that support professional success. Members develop the ability to think on their feet, organize and prepare a speech, give constructive feedback, and run a productive meeting.

The chapter meets every Thursday over lunch (from 12:30 to 1:30 pm) at the AKA offices in the Albert Kahn Building (7430 Second Avenue). Contact Taft Cleveland, KAHN We Talk! president, at 313-202-7566 for more information.



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