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Oxford Automotive, McCalla, AL

Designing the Future of Alabama

With the recent addition of the Honda Pilot to the ever-growing list of automotive vehicles that are built in the state, it is no secret that the automotive industry in Alabama is on the rise. Because of this booming industry, there remains the need for part suppliers and manufacturing warehouses to fill the requests of the automotive industry. Yet, the suppliers and manufacturers are just one part of the equation; the need for a properly designed space for these industry giants rests on the shoulders of highly skilled architects.

Designform has been able to answer the need by providing the automotive industry with the best use of materials and space possible. As a member of the design-build team with Doster Construction, Designform's architectural design, structural and civil engineering, as well as project management capabilities were utilized by both **Rainsville Technology** and **Oxford Automotive** for the construction of their automotive facilities. Completed in 2001, the 91,000-

square-foot facility for Rainsville Technology, located in Rainsville, AL, serves as a manufacturing and distribution supplier for Honda. An expansion to the facility was completed in 2003, providing Rainsville Technology with an additional 124,000-square-feet of space. Oxford Automotive's 380,000-square-foot facility in McCalla, AL, manufactures and distributes parts for Mercedes-Benz, and was completed in 2003.

MBUSI chose Designform as part of the design-build to suit team, along with Graham & Company and Cooper Construction, to assist the Mercedes-Benz architects and staff in designing a service parts central warehouse in Vance, AL. Designform provided site planning, tenant programming, architectural design, construction documentation, interior design, and project management services for MBUSI. The 532,000-square-foot facility serves as a service parts distribution warehouse and was completed in 2005.

As a member of the design/build team along with Brice Building Company, Designform provided **Seohan Auto USA** with architectural design development and construction documentation for their new 240,000-square-foot facility in Auburn, Alabama. The facility includes approximately 128,000-square-foot warehouse, a 100,000-square-foot conditioned assembly area, and 12,000-square-foot of office space. The Seohan Auto USA facility was completed in February 2008, and will be used to assemble, store, and distribute front and rear axles for Hyundai's Montgomery plant.

Designform understands the importance of investing in a growing economy, whether it is monetarily or through one's time and skills, such as architectural design. We believe that investing in our state will lead to further economic growth on a national level, and will have a positive outcome for all.

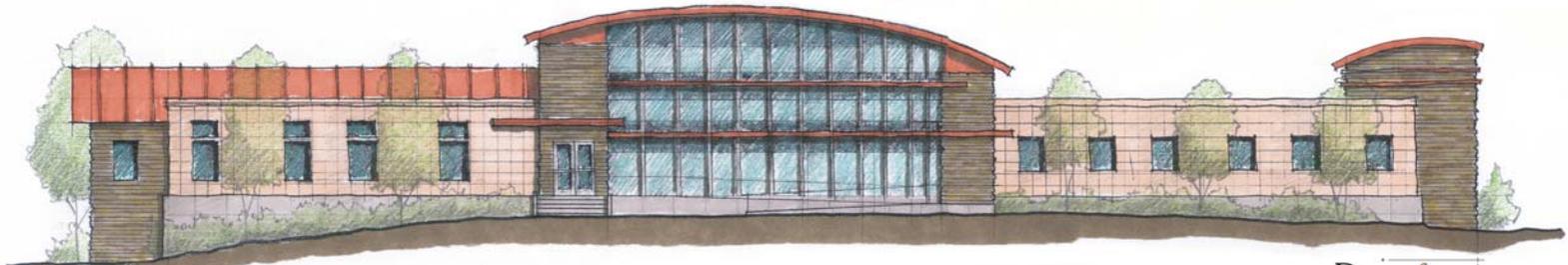
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While the automotive industry is a large economic boost to Alabama, another industry is thriving as well: health care. **Designform** was chosen to provide services for the **Jefferson County Department of Health** as well as the **Alabama Public Health Care Authority**.

The Jefferson County Department of Health's new **Eastern Health Center**, located in the Roebuck community of Birmingham, Alabama, is a 43,000-square-foot facility that will house maternity, dental, and general health care areas to serve eastern Jefferson County.

The Alabama Public Health Care Authority's new **Barbour County Health Department**, located in Clayton, Alabama, is a 6,000-square-foot facility that will provide services for the county's residents, including clinical, home health, and WIC.

Designform is currently providing space planning, architectural design, interior design, and construction documentation for both health care facility projects.



Jefferson County Health Department's **Eastern Health Center**

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Architecture Did You Know?

Contextualism, deconstructivism, constructive brutality, rational dichotomy, visual terminus.... Ah, the romantic vocabulary of design!

Sometimes when architects try to communicate with clients, the message may get lost in translation, and essentially loses any value. Our experience is that architects are most effective in their communications when they focus on listening and understanding the client's needs and ideas, as well as exercising their imaginations to put themselves in their client's shoes while trying to acknowledge and address basic issues such as budget, schedule, and accountability.

Designform Welcomes Heather Holcomb

Heather Holcomb has joined the **Designform** team as an interior designer. Heather will graduate from the University of Alabama with her degree in Interior Design at the beginning of May. She previously performed an internship at Interior Design Professionals in Tuscaloosa, working on

several projects during that time, such as DCH Hospital, the University of Alabama, multiple Bryant Bank branches, and several corporate tenant spaces. Heather's experience and creative talent makes her a vital member of the ever-growing Designform team.



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