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2013 PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Carson Pirie Scott & Co. Building 1 S. State St. Innovative Reuse by a National Retailer

Recipient: Target

This complex is anchored by the twelve-story State Street building designed by Louis Sullivan for the Schlesinger and Mayer Department Store. A National Historic Landmark, it was constructed in stages between 1898 and 1904 and is considered to be one of Sullivan's most important works and an outstanding Chicago School building. After the Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co. Department Store acquired the building in 1904, an addition designed by D.H. Burnham & Co. (1906) was added. Much later, a final addition was constructed to the design of Holabird and Root (1961). Additional buildings facing Wabash and Monroe complete the complex.

This innovative project put a major modern retailer back in this landmark department store. Target is the tenant on the first two floors in a project that combines eight separate buildings along State and Wabash streets. This is the first of a new generation of center-city Target stores and the first one to be located in an historic building. This landmark designation includes much of the interior, with the open first floor volume accented by column capitals designed by Sullivan with his signature foliate ornament. Inserting all the necessary modern systems into the building while not impacting these elements was a technical and design achievement. The Carson Pirie Scott & Co. Building was designated as a Chicago Landmark on November 5, 1970.







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