

# INDUSTRY NEWS

## New York University Wagner School Takes Over Two Floors in Historic Puck Building

**S**uben Dougherty Partnership has been selected to design a new home for New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. The 46,000 SF program is being consolidated and relocated to two contiguous floors in the Puck Building, a landmark building and one of our city's true architectural gems.

The NYU Wagner School's vision identifies public service as work of public importance wherever it happens, and recognizes that interdisciplinary and flexible approaches are required in today's global environment. The School prides itself on its clarity of vision, breadth of approach, depth of experience and power of context. Utilizing a client/consultant collaborative approach, Suben Dougherty's design for Wagner will reflect these values by creating multiple opportunities for physical interaction between faculty, students and the public sector. The multiple floors will be connected at an open core by a communicating stair and a glazed multi-media "World Wall" which will communicate ongoing Wagner projects and initiatives worldwide.

The architecture, so inspired by the school's core values, will go a long way to fulfilling the Wagner School charge to create a new paradigm for public service education in the 21st century.

The project is slated for completion in September 2004.



### THE NYU WAGNER SCHOOL OF PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

- Gut renovation of two contiguous floors of the fabled landmark Puck Building in New York.
- Sensitive Landmarks issues easily satisfied (window louvers and the architectural treatment of areas adjacent to windows).
- Highly successful integration of 1860 vintage structural and decorative elements with 21st century layout, technology and infrastructure.
- Extremely efficient use of space overcoming a very inefficient floorplate: antiquated decentralized building cores, massive load bearing walls that divide the space into 3 distinct areas and no right angles.
- Fulfilled a very aggressive program including 67 faculty offices, 7 state-of-the-art conference rooms and numerous student work rooms and study lounges.

- Centralized communicating stair streamlines the flow of circulation between floors, connects faculty and student facilities and serves as a iconographic information node with Fro ected images covering the glass feature wall that rides between the two floors alongside the stair.

### PROJECT DATA:

- Gross Floor Area: 46,000 SF
- Net Floor Area: 34,000 SF
- Construction Cost: 6 million ■

