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Long & Foster Headquarters | Chantilly, Va.

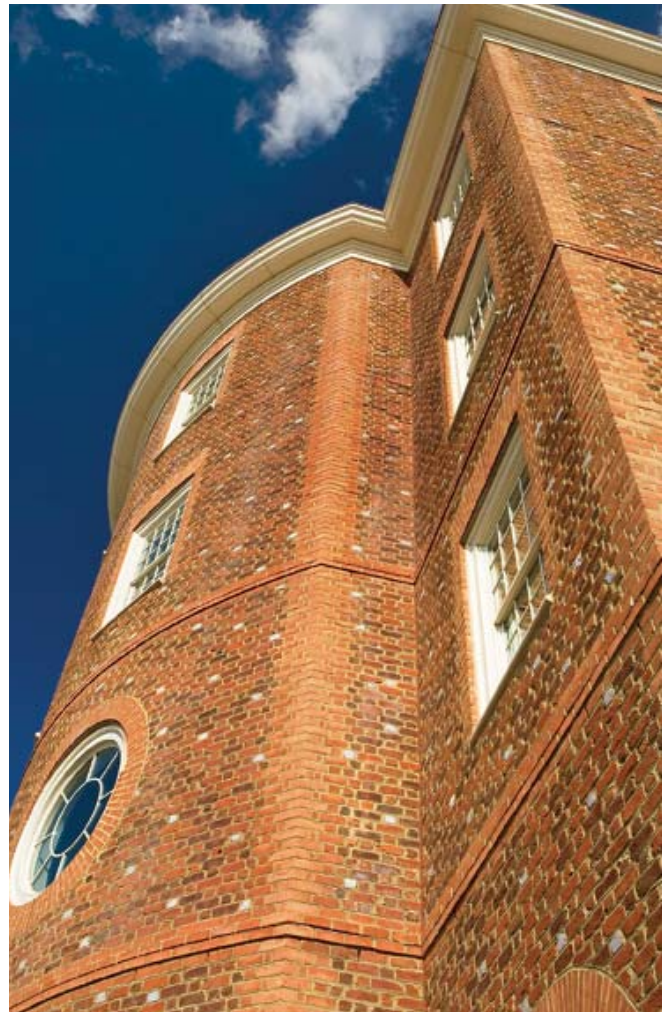
With the goal of achieving an old Georgian-style building for the new Long & Foster headquarters and its more than 1.5 million brick, the masonry team was faced with an exciting challenge.

The building was designed using Williamsburg-size handmade brick laid in Flemish bond with an accent of oversize machine-moulded brick laid in half running board. Due to the cost of the Flemish bond installation and the scarcity of plants which manufacture handmade brick, most of the bricklayers had little or no experience with this design. Aware of the high level of difficulty of laying Flemish bond properly, specifically by

ensuring all perpendicular mortar joints are vertically aligned, the masons' talents were put to the test.

The general contractor pushed the job aggressively to turn the building over to the owner on time. This put the masonry contractor in the position of training the bricklayers while meeting production deadlines.

The project featured glazed headers spaced randomly throughout the masonry. The masonry contractor was entrusted to make the blend appear random without looking unplanned. Finally, the masonry contractor was involved with the brick distributor in selecting the special shapes, their subsequent installation, and in the landscaping portion of the project.



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Project Participants

Owner: Long & Foster Real Estate, Fairfax, Va.

Masonry Contractor: Falls Church Construction, Fairfax

Masonry Suppliers: Potomac Valley Brick & Supply Co., Rockville, Md.; Redland Brick, Williamsport, Md.; Rocky Ridge, Md.

General Contractor: James G. Davis Construction, Rockville

Architect: Beery Rio Associates, Burke, Va.