

SST News

Security Services & Technologies (SST), a FirstService company, has been working with Tishman Speyer Properties (TSP) on a creative new optical portal turnstile project in New York City. This project encompasses buildings within Rockefeller Center, The Chrysler Center, and TSP's headquarters at 520 Madison Avenue. This truly unique project involves the installation of just under 100 turnstile lanes overall, in addition to the integration of access control and visitor management systems within the very distinctive building environments of New York City.

The turnstiles are manufactured by Designed Security, Inc. (DSI) and have been developed through the thoughtful collaboration of TSP, design consultants, DSI and SST. This custom design effort has matched the turnstiles to the exact décor, layout and physical age of each lobby. Not a single detail was spared as the group coordinated the turnstiles to replicate the stone face and naturally aged metals within each of the building lobbies. Now installed, the turnstiles are a work of art, and genuinely give the look and feel of authenticity while at the same time serving a vital function of security. Each turnstile includes an entry prox reader for tenant access cards, and also an entry bar code reader, for access cards given to visitors. Both of the card readers control pedestrian traffic within each building through direct integration



with the access control system.

New visitor management systems were installed at the main lobby desk of each building for the purpose of registering and tracking authorized guests. Tenants of each facility have the ability to pre-register their visitors in order to expedite the authorized registration process and eventual access into the building. At these main lobby stations, security guards enter the contact information of an intended guest or retrieve information from the pre-registered visitor database, in addition to taking a badge photo and issuing a bar coded access card. This bar coded card allows passage through the turnstiles, and through integration of the access control system, grants that individual access to authorized areas but also de-activates at the end of that day.

Some buildings, including The Chrysler Center and 520 Madison, received entirely new access control systems. These electronic systems control traffic through the lobby turnstiles, provide ID's to all tenants and also control access to select TSP-controlled doors and secure areas throughout each building. As an Enterprise Partner with the access control manufacturer, SST has been able to import existing data from old and out-dated systems into the new framework, including tenant identification photos, in order to provide a near seamless transition to the new system.

This project is providing Tishman Speyer with the security that our present world mandates. TSP and SST have taken every effort to ensure that this undertaking is executed in a manner non-evasive to tenants by ensuring the proper education and fitting design on a per building basis. This well orchestrated teamwork is adding the necessary security, increased tenant value, and real life dependability to business facilities in a security-conscious New York City, nation and world.

Security Services & Technologies is an industry leading security integrator, headquartered in Norristown, PA, with offices in New York City, Eatontown, NJ, Reading, PA, and Alexandria, VA.

Designed Security, Inc., a manufacturer of security and access control products, is headquartered in Bastrop, TX.

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