James R. Thompson Center

Scale 1:1500

The State of Illinois Building was designed by architect Helmut Jahn and completed in 1985. Open floors of state government offices are centered around the round central 17-story atrium. The building’s colorful glass design was plagued with heating and cooling problems from the start, but its biggest challenge has been neglected maintenance due to long-standing state budget difficulties. Recent plans to sell the site have made the building’s long-term preservation unclear.

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