



Marwen

833 North Orleans
Chicago, Illinois

Total Project Costs:
\$2.26 Million

Development Team:
Illinois Facilities Fund
Project Manager

Marwen
Owner

Wheeler Kearns and Associates
Architect

Goldberg General Contracting
General Contractor

Date Completed:
January 2000

Description of Project:
In 1999, Marwen, an organization committed to arts education for underserved high school children, was bursting at the seams. Headquartered in a small River North facility, Marwen rented a handful of small studio spaces for their programs. Marwen's challenge was to continue to grow its program into new space, but at the same time, stay in the burgeoning

and expensive gallery district. Marwen located a site on the edge of the district and secured bond financing from the State of Illinois. The IFF managed the design and construction of Marwen's spacious new, 11,500 square foot home on two floors of an industrial building in the River North community. The end result was a space that both Marwen and its students could be proud of, rivaling the quality and beauty of the other loft and gallery spaces in the upscale neighborhood.