

Detroit Job Corp Learns About Facilities Maintenance and Management at the Fisher Building

Detroit Job Corp participants recently toured the historic Fisher Building in Detroit's New Center. Kevin Ryan, representative of The Fisher Building's property management firm, Farbman Group, led the group on a tour of the building and offered them a peek at daily property maintenance and building management.

With more than 30 stories, The Fisher Building was designed to be a city within a city. The building includes retail, office and entertainment spaces. Students explored the property's heating and cooling elements, talked elevator operation and space leasing.



About the Fisher Building

The Fisher Building was originally commissioned by the Fisher brothers, who amassed their fortune by developing the closed body for the automobile in 1928. The brothers hired architect Albert Kahn to create a masterpiece of functional art. A genius of design, Kahn conceived an ornate structure, replete with the opulence and style so desired in Detroit's gilded age of commercial construction. Only the one tower was completed at a cost of \$9 million. One quarter of that cost was spent on the creation of pure beauty. For all its wealth of detail, The Fisher Building, which broke ground in August 1927, was constructed in just 15 months, with the building 60 percent occupied by December 1928.

About Detroit Job Corps

At Detroit Job Corps, students receive the skills needed to succeed in today's workforce - at no cost to them or their families. It's career training that works. Job Corps is a no-cost education and career technical training program administered by the U.S. Department of Labor that helps young people ages 16 through 24 improve the quality of their lives through career technical and academic training. They can be reached by calling (313) 852-0300, and can be found on the web at: <http://detroit.jobcorps.gov>.