

URBAN D.C. Inc.

Building Restoration ~ Contractors & Engineers

Project

US General Services
Administration

Object in Five Planes
Alexander Calder

Scope of Work

Reinstallation with custom
fasteners and taps

Restorative painting

Concrete pedestal

Professionals

Wilson Conservation



Photo above: Completed installation. Left: The Calder sculpture stripped in Urban D.C.'s shop facility. Right: Partially assembled sculpture at 26 Federal Plaza.

The maintenance staff of the US General Services Administration at 26 Federal Plaza were cleaning out the basement of the building. when the disassembled sculpture "Object in Five Planes" by Alexander Calder was discovered. The GSA upon hearing of the discovery facilitated the reassembly and placement of this famous sculpture.

Contracted by Wilson Conservation, specialty contractor Urban D.C. removed the sculpture fragments from the premises and transported them to their restoration shop facility. Once there, Urban D.C.'s in-house crew stripped the deteriorated painted finish and exposed the sculpture down to bare metal. Following a full restorative painting, then reinforcement with custom stainless steel fasteners and taps, the sculpture was secured to its new concrete pedestal as the final phase of its installation at 26 Federal Plaza. The custom fasteners and taps as well as the newly built concrete base were integral to the sculpture and therefore required and received the approval of the Calder Foundation.