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## Henkel-Accörd Look at History for New Green Belt Bank & Trust Design

Green Belt Bank & Trust, headquartered in Iowa Falls, Iowa, turned to Henkel Construction Company and Accörd Architecture to design and build their new building in Ackley, Iowa. From the busy highway though, you may wonder if it is really a new facility at all.

Ackley is one of those small Iowa towns rich in history. Accörd Architecture designed the new 2,370 square foot banking facility's exterior in the Prairie Style and Tudor Revival idiom of the 1926 Illinois Central Combination Depot located in downtown Ackley. The Depot became listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1999 and has been recently restored. The color of the brick was selected to match the brick of the Depot which was made in Ackley early in the 20th Century. The roof, corbels, gable ends and window configuration were all designed in keeping with the architecture of the Depot. The skill and craftsmanship of many area contractors were utilized for the project.

Even with the age inspired exterior, the interior of the facility has all the modern banking conveniences. It features three teller stations, lobby, office spaces, break room, and conference room. Outside is a two lane canopy for drive-up teller and ATM service. Steve Afdahl, President of Green Belt Bank & Trust says, "I really liked the opportunity to combine the architecture and construction services with one company. I was able to turn the project over to Henkel-Accörd and they provided a more seamless process. It eliminated the potential conflicts between the architect and contractor and it allowed me to continue to focus on the operation of our bank."

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