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## Vacated Former Office Headquarters Transformed Into Logistics Hub for Eastern Phoenix Suburb

Redevelopment of the Year for Phoenix



ViaWest Group redeveloped a vacated former office complex into what is now Sight Logistics Park in Tempe, Arizona. (CoStar)

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Developer ViaWest Group redeveloped what was once the office headquarters of computer consulting firm Insight Enterprises into what is now Sight Logistics Park, designed to serve industrial tenants on a nearly 18-acre site in the eastern Phoenix suburb of Tempe, Arizona.

The two-building project replaced an otherwise vacated and underused former office complex to provide higher-demand industrial space to the area, and was selected by a panel of local judges to receive a CoStar Impact Award for redevelopment of the year for Phoenix.

**About the Project**: Sight Logistics park spans a total of about 357,000 square feet of industrial space at 6840 S. Harl Ave. in Tempe. At the request of the city, ViaWest preserved, stored and relocated an artistic sculpture designed by Mark McDowell that was part of the site's original office complex and is now a landmark in the current industrial park.

What the Judges Said: "This was trend-setting in demolishing functionally challenged Class B office space in a highly sought-after warehouse area to complete a conversion to industrial facilities," said Jeff Foster, regional vice president and market officer for global logistics developer Prologis. Foster said the redevelopment "will be a catalyst to transform the dated office projects in this area to higher and better uses." Realty Economic Advisors Senior Vice President Stephen Leach lauded the project's "innovative redesign and reconfiguration of the space."

<b>They Made It Happen:</b> The redevelopment was led by Alex Boles, Rodney Boden, Alesha
Karlsson, Alex Briestensky and Erin Yazzie of ViaWest Group, based in Phoenix.
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