

An eye-opening space for Blink

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Blink has moved into new offices in Waterfront Place at 1011 Western Ave. The 9,000-square-foot space was designed by Suyama Peterson Deguchi and built by Ellsworth Builders.

Cole Building Co. was both project manager and construction manager.

Blink does research and consulting on how people use websites and mobile applications. It has 32 employees, and the new office gives it room to grow.

The new office has space for client meetings, project collaboration, training, events, workstations and high-tech usability labs with observation rooms.

Suyama Peterson Deguchi said it was a challenge to design functional and flexible spaces connected to water views on a tight budget with a short construction timeline.

The new office has a large, open workspace with natural light and views in the center. Two parallel hallways are separated by meeting rooms and oriented west toward Elliott Bay. Original concrete walls and floors were exposed.

Custom steel benches were designed by Suyama Peterson Deguchi, fabricated by Ballard Sheet Metal and blackened by local metal artist Sheryl Andrist of She-metal.

The lobby will eventually house an art gallery, with rotating exhibitions and public receptions.

Blink's clients range from startups to ABC/Disney, Microsoft and Vulcan.