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Social Science Research Council Moves to Brooklyn from Midtown

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BROOKLYN HEIGHTS/DOWNTOWN BROOKLYN — The Social Science Research Council (SSRC), an international not-for-profit organization that seeks to advance social science throughout the world, has moved its offices from midtown Manhattan to One Pierrepont Plaza in Brooklyn Heights/Downtown Brooklyn, it was announced yesterday.

Views of the Social Science Research Center's new space at 1 Pierrepont Plaza, including its entry.
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Faced with an expiring lease at its previous location as well as a landlord who planned to double its rent, the organization challenged Denham Wolf Real Estate Services to seek new space.

"We took this situation as an opportunity to change the entire company culture by moving to a progressive neighborhood and revitalizing the design of the office space," a published statement said.

After a thorough search and a complete renovation project, the SSRC moved into what they describe as "spectacular space" in Forest City Ratner Companies' tower at One Pierrepont Plaza.

The 25,000-square-foot open-plan space provided the organization with access to natural daylight and allowed them to create multiple meeting spaces to foster "a collaborative work environment."

The new design illustrates "a rebirth of the organization's mission to be a collaborative team environment where members can continue to advance social science throughout the world," the statement said.

In addition to finding the space, the team at Denham Wolf coordinated the project team, which included Kostow Greenwood Architects, the design architect; TPG Architecture, the project architect; and R.P. Brennan, the general contractor.

Denham Wolf Real Estate Services also monitored the $3 million renovation and outfitting, which incorporated sustainable design features.

For more information on the SSRC and its mission, please visit www.ssrc.org.