

## Historic Name: IBM Building

Property ID: 706415

### Location



Address:799 S Stevens St, Spokane, Washington, USAGeographicAreas:Spokane County,Spokane,Spokane County,T25R43E19,SPOKANE NW Quadrangle

#### Information

#### **Construction Dates:**

Construction Type	Year	Circa
Built Date	1965	
Built Date	1979	

#### Number of stories: N/A

#### **Historic Use:**

Category	Subcategory
Commerce/Trade	Commerce/Trade - Professional
Commerce/Trade	Commerce/Trade - Professional
Historic Context:	Architecture
Architect/Engineer:	

Category	Name or Company
Builder	Purvis Construction Co.
Architect	Kirk, Wallace, McKinley & Associates
Engineer	Worthington, Skilling, Helle & Jackson



### Photos



east façade



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SRS-32f.JPG



SRS-32i.JPG



SRS-32g.JPG



SRS-32e.JPG



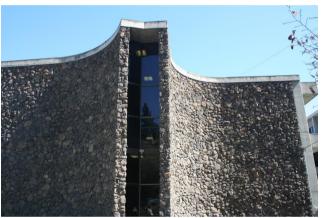


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### Inventory Details - 10/1/2003

Common name:	
Date recorded:	10/1/2003
Field Recorder: M. Houser	
Field Site number:	
SHPO Determination	

### **Detail Information**

#### Characteristics:

Category	Item
Cladding	Stone
Plan	Irregular
Form Type	Commercial
Foundation	Concrete - Poured
Roof Type	Flat with Parapet
Structural System	Masonry - Poured Concrete
Roof Material	Asphalt/Composition - Built Up
Cladding	Concrete - Poured
Form Type	Articulated Frame - Concrete

#### **Surveyor Opinion**

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places:YesProperty is located in a potential historic district (National and/or local):NoSignificance narrative:Chosen by Spokane Chapter of the AIA for outstanding architecture.Robert Chittock -

 Bibliography:
 Architecture West - May 1967



## Inventory Details - 7/17/2016

Common name:	IBM Building
Date recorded:	7/17/2016
Field Recorder:	Stephen Emerson
Field Site number:	SRS-32
SHPO Determination	

## **Detail Information**

### Characteristics:

Category	Item
Foundation	Concrete - Poured
Form Type	Commercial - Professional Building
Roof Type	Flat with Parapet
Roof Material	Asphalt/Composition - Built Up
Cladding	Stone - Rubble
Structural System	Metal - Steel
Plan	Irregular

### **Surveyor Opinion**

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places:	Yes
Property is located in a potential historic district (National and/or local):	No
Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local):	No



Significance narrative:	The 799 S. Stevens Street half of this complex of two commercial buildings was constructed in 1965. The other half, at 801 S. Stevens Street, was built in 1979. The first occupant was the International Business Machine Corporation (IBM). That company was approaching the zenith of its success, before it was largely eclipsed in later decades by the success of personal computers developed by companies like Microsoft and Apple. IBM stayed until about 1985, sometimes sharing office space with other businesses, including the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company and the Oregon Automobile Insurance Company. Through much of the 1990s the building apparently was vacant, for unknown reasons. In 1998, Itronix Corporation took over. Itronix was another high tech company associated with computers. Since 2010, the primary tenant has been Inland Imaging, which has shared the space with other health care related businesses. The most recent company to share office space in the building is Keller Williams Realty. The architectural firm that designed the IMB Building was Kirk, Wallace, McKinley & Associates. It was formed in 1960 by prominent Seattle architect Paul Hayden Kirk, with two of his partners, Donald S. Wallace and David A. McKinley. Kirk graduated from the University of Washington in 1937 and partnered with several other architects until 1950, when he opened his own sole proprietorship in Seattle. He became a protagonist of Mid-Century Modern styles, especially the International Style, with its flat roofs, bands of windows, and angular geometric shapes. He later distanced himself from the International Style, declaring it to be "an architecture which has been imposed on the land by man." He developed an "increasing tendency towards complex structural detailing". This approach is reflected in the design of the IMB Building, with its contrast of stark angular concrete and ther fractal appearance of the basalt walls. During the 1950s he won several awards and many accolades. Kirk, Wallace, and McKinley also designed S
Physical description:	These two mid-century modern buildings are joined together by a skywalk and share a number of design characteristics. Both buildings are 3-stories high and are constructed of steel and concrete. The building at 801 S. Stevens Street has a parking garage area on the bottom floor. Both have flat built-up roofs with eaves and parapets. Both buildings have small penthouses on the top of the roof. The exterior surfaces of both buildings are of two types. Some are divided into compartmentalized rectangles, defined by concrete walls, containing large steel sash windows. Others are 3-story sheer walls, curvilinear in cross-section, that are completely clad with randomly placed mortared basalt rubble.
Bibliography:	Emerson, Stephen. A Historic Property Inventory of Rock Structures in Spokane County, Washington. Archisto Enterprises, 2016.