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**Agriculture & Business Multipurpose Building  
Prairie View A&M University**

**architect** Overland Partners, San Antonio

**general contractor** Linbeck, Houston

**masonry contractor** Camarata Masonry Systems, Houston

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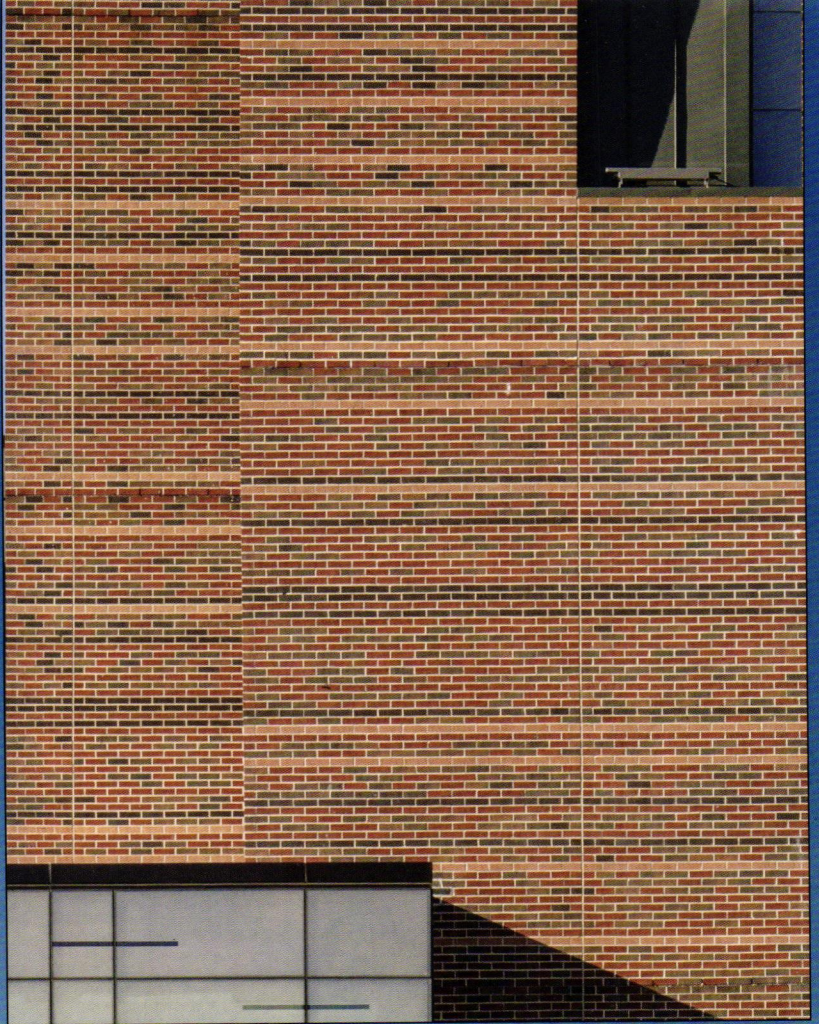
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# Building Connections In Brick

At Prairie View A&M University's historical gathering place, a clock tower now marks a center of academic as well as social convergence. The new Agriculture & Business Multipurpose Building connects two colleges under one roof, with walls carefully designed from a collection of Acme Brick blends that contain brick colors from other structures on campus.

Overland Partners created a dynamic and flexible campus anchor on what students call "The Hill," an unstructured outdoor gathering place for communal events. The building takes its form as a horseshoe around the long-standing oaks at its center. Four stories of Acme Brick join these two colleges physically and embody other colleges symbolically through variegated striations of modular brick. The resulting colorful layers may appear to be strata of earth or lines of history in the life of the university, yet they reflect every corner of campus in a tangible way.



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