ICA Committee on Archival Buildings and Equipment

Archive Building Case Studies: LUZERN

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Cost of project
CHF 23 million (Swiss francs): without estate
CHF 29 million (Swiss francs): with estate

Type of Building
new, renovated or extended
New building

high thermal mass or high technology
High thermal mass
over ground or below ground
1 story below ground
5 stories over ground

Size, as floor area

area of repositories
3050 m²

area of offices
360 m²

area of public facilities
1010 m²
(reading rooms: 124 m²; conference room: 64 m²; inventory room: 60 m²; public library 510 m²; entrance, reception, cloakroom: 225 m².)

other (eg restaurant, shop etc)
375 m²
(conservation: 120 m²; reprography: 75 m²; sorting room: 80 m²; shredder room: 30 m²; stores: 70 m²)

area overall of new building
~ 4850 m²

Readers seats

45
(reading rooms: 22; microform reader/reader-printer: 6; reader seats in the library: 17)

Length of shelving

mobile or static
~ 30 km mobile shelving

Brief description

to include any particular features of interest; not more than 100 words

The new premises of the Lucerne State Archives consist of three strictly divided compartments: 1. storage wing at right angle; 2. middle wing (offices, workshops, reading rooms, library); 3. front part (entrance, cloak room, conference room, caretakers flat). This design allows for the best possible connections between the different parts of the complex and definitely facilitates security and safety measures (environmental conditions, fire protection, water damage, theft).