Maersk needed a shipping facility that would reflect their ongoing maritime heritage. Maersk is a well-respected company and the executives try to respect the company’s past, even as they move forward into the future. Besides a maritime exterior, the building would be situated along Baltimore Harbor and would need to withstand the harsh dockside climate along with coastal winds and the ever-present salt of the sea. It was needing quickly and at a competitive price.

The exterior design was fashioned to look like the superstructure of an ocean-going vessel. It gleams with light from the curved aluminum exterior panels. Lines of windows across the front of the building give it the look of a ship’s bridge. Whitley Manufacturing and Williams-Scotsman were able to manufacture and construct the building in less than 120 days and came in under budget. Twenty years later the building is still a well-functioning landmark harbor side in Baltimore.