



## **Firm Receives Masonry Institute Award for Jail**

The Kentucky Masonry Institute recently presented an award for Excellence in Masonry Design to The Louis & Henry Group. The firm was honored in April for its work on the new Jefferson County Jail in downtown Louisville.

The project involved the conversion of a 1960s office building into a maximum-security county jail, which was completed in December 1999. The new facility completely surrounds the existing 1960s building, whose entire exterior skin and interior were razed to accommodate the jail's space program.

The facility continues the existing concrete frame construction, and utilizes reinforced concrete masonry interior and exterior walls for security purposes. The exterior is two-tone brick masonry, complemented by opaque spandrel panels, and clear glazing where appropriate. Precast concrete windowsills and head details accent the exterior.

With dormitory beds for up to 1,000 inmates, the new facility is a major county jail requiring a high security construction that achieves maximum security for the cell blocks. All masonry is reinforced with cells of concrete masonry units filled with grout.

