



As senior Architect for FTL/Happold, Andrew Formichella managed the design-build contract for the Finnish Chancery Covered Walkway in Washington DC.

Interfacing between the Finnish design architect, a Washington based construction company, a British design engineer, and an “in house” fabric subcontractor, proved to be a rewarding learning experience for all involved.

The “hands on” approach to this work also included assisting with the installation of the tensile structure.

The ability to remove the fabric for the winter months reflects wooded context of the covered walkway site. During a winter snow storm, one couldn't distinguish the structure from the natural environment.

“Working with a diverse group of professionals separated by multiple time zones, sharpened my skills as a designer with the ability to manage the construction process”

Project:	The Finnish Chancery Covered Walkway
Location:	Washington DC
Owner:	The Finnish Government
Details:	Demountable fabric for the winter months