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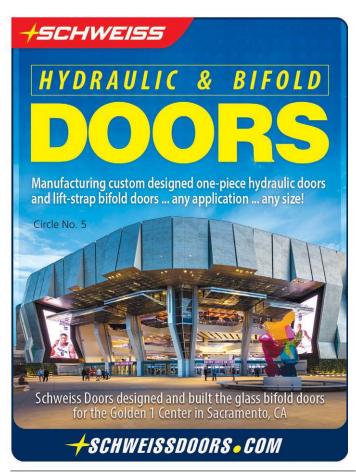


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### **HEAD OF THE CLASS**

I've had reunions on my mind lately. This summer my high-school graduating class will be celebrating a major milestone reunion. (I won't tell you which reunion this is because I don't want to give away classified information about myself!) Growing up, I attended a very small school—so small that I graduated with 22 other students whom I had known my entire life. There were a few negatives to going to such a small school. For example, only one foreign language was taught—and it wasn't Spanish. But there were many benefits too. I could (and practically did) participate in every extracurricular activity offered by the school, which gave me confidence to try many new experiences as an adult.

Although I moved away from my home area for college and went even further away to begin my career, I still participated in planning (and attended) our class reunions over the years. I always loved the opportunity to reminisce with my classmates—many of whom I consider members of my extended family—about our schooldays.

To prepare for our next reunion, I created a secret Facebook group so our class easily can communicate about dates and locations for the event. And to keep all of us thinking about the upcoming reunion, I dug out trivia questions I created for a much earlier reunion (so long ago many classmates don't remember the answers). I have been posting one trivia question about each classmate every week for #ThrowbackThursday, of course. It has given our class the opportunity to celebrate each individual during his or her week by sharing memories, photos, newspaper clippings and more. The trivia questions have spurred so many conversations, even a few offline, which has been incredibly fun (and funny!). But perhaps what has been most heartening is that the Facebook group has brought us all together again despite years and distance. Even classmates who have never bothered to attend a single reunion are conversing on the page and have said they will come to our next reunion. I'm thrilled by the positive response!

In this issue of *retrofit*, we're doing a reunion of sorts, as well. Our sixth-annual Top 50 Products, page 18, revisits the products you, our readers, wanted to know more about from our September-October 2017 to July-August 2018 issues. We love celebrating these top products not only because products are so integral to trade publications, but also because it's fascinating to see which products garner the most interest from readers. In addition, some of the Top 50 Products include retrofit stories, demonstrating how they solved a problem or achieved the desired result within a project. We hope you study these products (and projects) closely and consider them for your own upcoming projects.

In addition, I encountered Chuck Howard, P.E., owner of Metal Roof Consultants Inc., Cary, N.C., during retrofit's second-annual conference in Charlotte, N.C., in October. (Learn more about the conference at www.retrofitconference. com.) Howard was an editorial advisor on an industry publication I previously edited, and he offered to write for retrofit. Knowing his breadth of experience in the metal roofing market, I suggested he write this issue's "Component" feature, page 62. In it, Howard discusses why standing-seam metal roofing should be considered for public buildings (and more structures). Even though I don't want to give away what high-school class reunion I'm about to attend, I'm grateful to have many years of experience in the design and construction market to call on industry friends, like Howard, to share their knowledge in this publication. Memories of my youth are so much fun, but age certainly has its benefits.

**CHRISTINA KOCH** 

Editor in Chief











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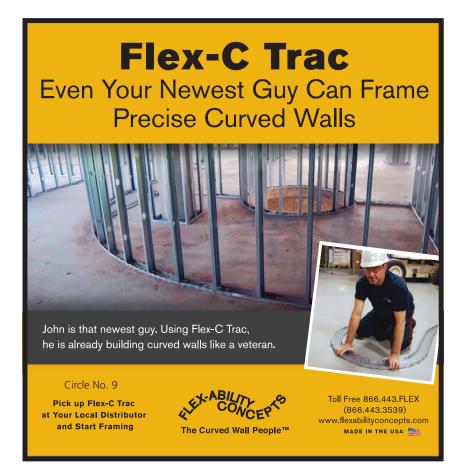


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KJ Fields, a Portland, Ore.-based retrofit contributor, writes our "Cover Story", page 38, about the 1917 Flemish-Gothic Union Trust Building in Pittsburgh's downtown, which had become little more than a passageway over the decades. Today, the once dingy and depressing interior offers work and play spaces, becoming a place where people want to be and be seen.



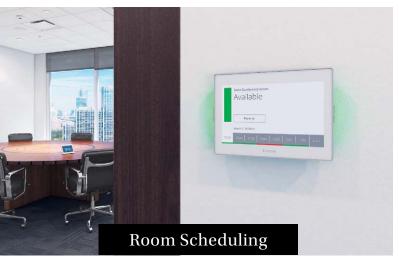
**Chuck Howard**, P.E., is owner of Metal Roof Consultants Inc., Cary, N.C., and has more than 30 years' experience providing commercial metal roof consulting and engineering. In "Component", page 62, he explains why standing-seam metal roofing is worth considering for public building projects (and more).



Hussein Alayyan, LEED AP BD+C, is an architectural designer with New Orleans-based Eskew+Dumez+Ripple Architects. He has acquired a significant portfolio of domestic and international work that reflects his interests in many building typologies, including residential, civic, interiors and urban design. In "Transformation", page 68, Alayyan describes his work on The Shop, a coworking space on the third and fourth floors of New Orleans' Contemporary Arts Center.









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The International Code Council and National Council of Structural Engineers Associations (NCSEA) have joined forces to create the Disaster Response Alliance, a national, digital database of volunteers to assist local, state or federal entities who need skilled, trained and certified building-safety professionals in a disaster's aftermath. ¶ The U.S. has a number of skilled code officials, engineers and others across the country willing to step in to help with post-disaster safety assessments, building damage assessments, inspections and other code-related functions. The Disaster Response Alliance brings these skilled volunteers

together for easy access and quick mobilization. ¶
Local and state jurisdictions, as well as federal agencies, can contact the Disaster Response Alliance for help reaching skilled professionals from across the country willing and

able to assist. This alliance combines the International Code Council's Disaster Response Network and NCSEA's Second Responder Roster. ¶
"A big thank you to NCSEA for joining with us to create the Disaster Response Alliance,"



says International Code Council CEO Dominic Sims, CBO. "The Code Council and our members have long been active in the aftermath of disasters to help communities in their times of greatest need. The increasing frequency and severity of storms, including hurricanes
Michael and Florence and the
recent destructive wildfires in
California, illustrated the need
for this vital national database." ¶ For more information,
to request help or to volunteer,
visit www.disasterresponse.org.

# GREEN BUILDING ACTIVITY CONTINUES TO GROW GLOBALLY

The Washington, D.C.-based U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) has announced the results of the Dodge Data & Analytics "World Green Building Trends 2018" SmartMarket Report, to which USGBC is a contributing partner. Overall,

global green building activity continues to rise with significant increases expected in 19 countries during the next three years. Importantly, nearly half of survey respondents expect the majority of their projects in the next three years will be green buildings.

The study was conducted in 86 countries and surveyed 2,000 building professionals, including architects, contractors, consultants, developers, engineering firms and investors. Adjustments to the methodology for respondent recruitment resulted in a more balanced share of participants who belong to green building councils, compared to previous years.

As green building becomes more common, certification becomes more of an expectation in many markets. Although client demands and environmental regulations remain top motivators, creating healthier buildings emerged as an important trigger for green building globally. According to the study, improving occupant health ranks first among social drivers for green building, followed by encouraging sustainable business practices and improved worker productivity.

"The future of green building is focused on performance but, as the study shows, most of the time this practice can be limited in scope," says Mahesh Ramanujam, USGBC's president and CEO. "There has been no increase in the use of metrics to track performance in the last three years, and now there is no excuse for it. It is not enough to demonstrate leadership at a point in time. We want all green buildings to continue to demonstrate leadership long after they are constructed and occupied. That is why USGBC has been laser-focused on bringing building-performance benchmarking tools, like Arc and LEED v4.1, to market: to make it easier for all projects to take strides toward improving the health and wellbeing of the people who occupy them every day."

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Products are an integral part of any trade publication. As such, *retrofit* is celebrating the 50 products that received the most reader inquiries from our September-October 2017 through July-August 2018 issues.

In addition, at the prompting of our editorial advisory board, we asked the manufacturers to share case studies about how their top products solved a problem or achieved the desired result within a retrofit. Although many of these products are

fairly new, a few manufacturers were able to share actual retrofit projects in which their products were specified. Enjoy *retrofit*'s sixth-annual Top 50 Products!



### PATTERNED HARDWOOD FLOORING INSTALLS IN PANELS

The Versailles collection from Havwoods International is a line of uniquely patterned hardwood flooring that consists of prefinished, pre-assembled panels, which make the line easy to install. The Versailles panels just need to be glued down to a secure subfloor. The collection is presented in five styles: Natural Rustic, Antique Rustic, Drift Rustic, Natural Character and White Character. Custom options also can be made.

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on the 2.4 GHz band. Its internal wireless radio features mesh networking and signal routing optimization to ensure reception of data. It comes with a 5-decibel, omni-directional antenna, which provides transmission up to 2,600 feet line of sight and 300 feet between obstructions and walls. Aria can also make a direct connection to the Dyna Drum HO and Dyna Drum SO, which have the internal receiver built-in, without the need for an additional unit. The Aria Wireless DMX system operates in temperatures between -40 to 122 F and includes a five-year warranty.

provides up to 14 channels

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Acclaim Lighting's Aria Wireless DMX first was used commercially in the renovation of Radio Flyer's Chicago headquarters. Read about the project on page 58.

### 3 ROOF BOARD RESISTS WATER AND ACHIEVES VERTICAL PULL STRENGTH

Georgia-Pacific Gypsum has unveiled DensDeck Prime Roof Board with EONIC Technology. Designed for enhanced water resistance and increased vertical pull strength, the roof boards feature manufacturing specifications that include a surface water absorption rate of 1 gram and a total water absorption rate of 5 percent. In vertical pull-strength tests, DensDeck Prime Roof Boards with EONIC Technology were found to be stronger than competitor boards on the face and back.

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### ACHIEVE THE LOOK OF STEEL WINDOWS

Kolbe Windows & Doors has added radius direct set windows to its VistaLuxe Collection. The windows feature the slim lines, narrow frames and square details of VistaLuxe products. The slim lines, paired with optional black-painted interiors, can give the appearance of steel, at a lower cost and with shorter lead times. VistaLuxe radius windows are offered as stationary direct sets in Flush and Accent styles. Radius units are available in full circle, oval, half circle, quarter circle, segment head, quarter segment and other custom shapes.

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### UPGRADE GAS STATION CANOPY LIGHTING WITH LED

The LSI SCOTTSDALE VERTEX LED Gas Station Canopy Luminaire features combined optical distributions (Symmetric, plus Symmetric Combination Forward Throw, which eliminates the need for supplemental flood lighting between canopy and C-Store), five lumen packages (10K, 13K, 15K, 20K, 23K), field serviceability, silicone optics (shatterproof, non-yellowing and lightweight) and simple installation. This

low-profile canopy fixture is available with a wide variety of retrofit ac-

cessory solutions. It is dimmable; wireless controls are available; and it comes in white, black and bronze standard finishes





### 9 CARPET TILE'S VARIATION CREATES VISUAL DEPTH

Patcraft has released its latest carpet tile collection, Gradient Form, which captures the change in gradation and scale by using the effects of variation to create a shift in visual elements. Available in 12- by 48-inch planks and nine neutral colorways, the collection includes three styles—Rise, Run and Slope. The plank format allows for self-patterning, highlighting elements of interest through changes in gradients. The neutral colors incorporate a metallic yarn to add visual depth and luster. Constructed with Eco Solution Q and EcoWorx backing, Gradient Form is Cradle to Cradlecertified. Products are backed with lifetime warranties against stain, static and abrasive wear, as well as for colorfastness to light.

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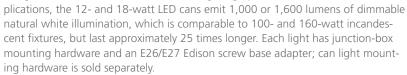
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heating. Its maximum flow rate is 11.1 gpm.

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◀ ♠ MANAGE STORMWATER WITH PRE-VEGETATED ROOF TRAY

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### 4 SYSTEMS DELIVER ENERGY-EFFICIENT HEAT IN COLD CLIMATES

LG Air Conditioning Technologies is adding LG "Reliable to Extreme Degrees" (RED) heating technology to more products, including the Multi F and Multi F MAX multi-zone outdoor units. LGRED provides 100 percent rated heating capacity down to 5 F with continuous operation down to -13 F. The multi-zone systems have the option to be installed fully ductless for optimal performance or combined with ducted systems for increased design flexibility. The LGRED Multi F systems also feature a SEER rating of up to 21, qualifying them for ENERGY STAR certification, as well as eligibility for participating local utility company rebates.

www.lgredheat.com // Circle No. 30

### REPAIR, RESTORE ROOF WITH SOLVENT-BASED COATING

The SEBS Roof Coating System from Mule-Hide Products Co. combines high tensile strength, elasticity, low moisture permeability and resistance to ponding water, making it suitable for a wide variety of roof repair and restoration applications. The solvent-based coating system is designed primarily for use in repairing and restoring metal roofs but also can be used on asphalt, concrete, EPDM, Hypalon, Kynar, modified bitumen, PIB and TPO roof systems. The coating system includes a primer, base coat, roof coating for the specific roof type, seam sealer and multipurpose sealant. Antioxidants

and light stabilizers ensure the coating system's durability throughout the roof system's service life.

www.mulehide.com // Circle No. 32



### 7 NEW COLORS FOR FIBER CEMENT PANELS RESEMBLE WOOD

Nichiha USA Inc. has added two colors to its Wood Series: Redwood and Ash. The colors, which were the result of extensive market research, join Cedar and Bark in Nichiha's VintageWood lineup within the Wood Series. In comparison to natural wood siding, VintageWood offers the same texture, ease of installation and cost. However, VintageWood is resistant to warping, rotting, delamination and pests. It also comes with a built-in rainscreen. The Wood Series panels can be installed vertically or horizontally in interior and exterior applications. Nichiha also provides a limited lifetime warranty on its products.

www.nichiha.com // Circle No. 33

### 8 STEP LIGHTS RESIST WATER INFILTRATION

Amerlux has launched Passo step lights, which boast an independently sealed LED Optical Chamber to eliminate water infiltration. The luminaires are typically used for steps, staircases and in walls to light walkways and add aesthetics to building façades. Passo offers a wide selection of sizes, faceplates, color temperatures and light outputs to meet the specifications of many projects. The step lights

are available in 8- and 12-inch rectangular shapes for retrofits. Each luminaire is available in a choice of two output levels to tailor the desired illuminance for the project.

www.amerlux.com // Circle No. 34



### 19 SEALANT IS SUITABLE FOR VARIOUS INDOOR, OUTDOOR APPLICATIONS

Bostik Inc. has introduced Bostik Bosti-Flex Plus, a siliconized acrylic latex sealant. The product has been developed for multi-purpose applications that include

countertops, door frames, shower surrounds, sinks, tubs, windows and bonding applications for ceramic tile, natural stone and wood trim. Bosti-Flex Plus is available in six colors, complementing various Bostik grout colors, and may be painted with latex or oil-based coatings. For interior and exterior applications, Bosti-Flex Plus is mold- and mildew-resistant, provides elasticity for flexible joints, emits zero VOCs, and is easy to apply and clean. The product is offered in a case consisting of 12, 10.1-ounce cartridges.

www.bostik.com/us // Circle No. 35



### 20 POLYISO PRODUCTS ELIMINATE HALOGENATED FLAME RETARDANTS

Carlisle SynTec Systems has made available its InsulBase NH and SecurShield NH polyiso insulations. These products provide the same performance characteristics as standard polyiso products but

contain no halogenated flame retardants. Insul-Base NH and SecurShield NH are Living Building Challenge "Red List Free" with Declare label and product database listing, can contribute to LEED v4 points and are California Department of Public Health VOC emissions-compliant.

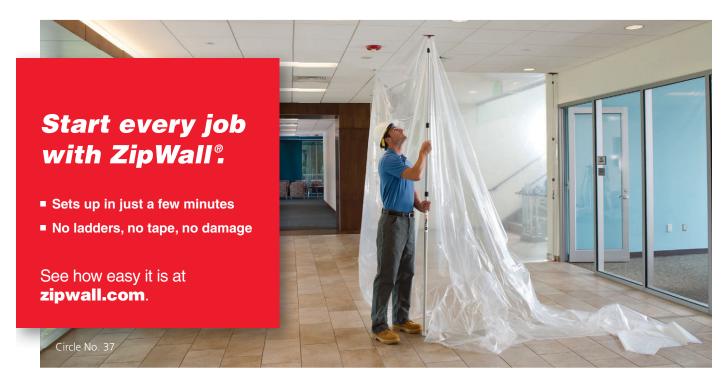
www.carlislesyntec. com // Circle No. 36





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### 21 RENEWABLE ENERGY BATTERIES NOW INCLUDE FLAT TOP COVER

Sun Xtender 12 Volt Group 31 batteries, manufactured by Concorde Battery Corp., now include a flat top cover and lifting handles. The flat top cover was designed to be compatible with standard hold-down configurations and eliminates the need to modify hold-down apparatus or revise cable routing; terminals now are more accessible. The new cover also incorporates removable ergonomic lifting handles to reduce installation difficulty without causing interference. This upgrade affects the following 12-volt part numbers: PVX-890T, PVX-1080T, PVX-1180T, PVX-1290T and PVX-1530T.

www.concordebattery.com // Circle No. 38

### 22 HEAT RECOVERY SYSTEMS ARE ENGINEERED FOR HEATING-DOMINANT APPLICATIONS

Daikin North America LLC has released its Daikin VRV AURORA 230/460V Heat Recovery Systems. The systems are engineered and optimized for cold-climate and heating-dominant applications; the VRV air-cooled system delivers efficient heating down to -22 F. The series is available in 6-, 8- and 10-ton single modules and 12-, 16- and 20-ton multi-module systems. The VRV AURORA features refrigerant-cooled efficient and stable inverter board operation, independent of ambient conditions. The systems' hot gas base pan circuit allows installation without an additional condensing unit base pan heater. The series comes with a standard 10-year limited warranty.

www.daikinac.com // Circle No. 39



### 23 ACOUSTIC PANELS ARE DESIGNED FOR EXPOSED STRUCTURES

Armstrong Ceiling & Wall Solutions has expanded its portfolio of acoustical solutions for exposed structure environments. The Spotlight acoustic solutions are suspended below the deck and feature dozens of blades, baffles, clouds and canopies to reduce noise and visually define a space. When installed in a manner that covers 5 to 50 percent of the deck, the panels absorb sound from all sides. InvisAcoustics Basics ceiling panels also have been expanded. With a noise reduction coefficient of 0.75, the panels absorb 75 percent of the sound that hits them. They attach directly to an exposed structure's deck and can be field painted to match. Other direct-to-deck acoustic solutions include Capz and Tectum panels, as well as a direct-attach option for SoundScapes Blades vertical panels.

www.armstrongceilings.com/exposedstructure // Circle No. 40

### 24 MODULAR METAL PANEL SYSTEM ACCOMMODATES SLOPED PANEL DEPTHS

CENTRIA's Intercept modular metal panel system, Intercept RZR, is a rainscreen system that can accommodate a sloped panel depth up to 4 inches and can integrate with Intercept Entyre and Intercept LVLZ for dynamic aesthetics. Available in horizontal and vertical applications, the panels can be specified in zinc or aluminum substrates and in depths of 1 3/8 to 4 inches. Panel lengths can be up to 138 inches (aluminum) or 120 inches (zinc) and up to 48 inches (aluminum) and 32 inches (zinc) wide. Several colors are available, as well as a range of finish options. In addition, the panels can be paired with the company's Metal-Wrap Series insulated composite backup system to meet thermal and moisture performance requirements.

www.centriaperformance.com/intercept // Circle No. 41



### LINEAR, PERIMETER AND RECESSED LUMINAIRES ARE COMPETITIVELY PRICED

Hubbell Lighting's Litecontrol has launched a portfolio of architectural-grade products as part of its reinvigoration of the "SAE" (Simple. Affordable. Efficient.) Program. The SAE Program addresses a market gap for competitively priced luminaires in the linear, perimeter and recessed categories. All nine SAE products feature Litecontrol's Variable Intensity (Vi) Technology, which helps specifiers match output or power, in 50 or 100 lumen increments, to meet needs whether indirect or direct output. The rectilinear SAE101, SAE103 and SAE104 and curved SAE102, SAE105 and SAE106 are small-scale, modern pendants with versatile performance options and efficacy up to 162 lumens per watt for indirect and 113 lumens per watt for direct. The SAE201 is an architectural-grade concealed cove luminaire, which features an adjustable beam angle that can be manipulated pre- or post-installation. The SAE202 is a recessed wall/slot luminaire designed for perimeter lighting needs. The SAE301 is a versatile, recessed, direct enclosed troffer, available in three sizes.

www.litecontrol.com // Circle No. 42



### CONDENSING BOILERS CAN BE CASCADED TOGETHER

Weil-McLain now offers its advanced high-efficiency Evergreen condensing boiler line in 70, 110 and 115K Btu/h input sizes, joining the existing 220, 299 and 399 sizes. The 95 percent AFUE boiler features a guided setup wizard, easy-to-understand graphical user interface, simple controls and 10 heating system presets for quick setup. It also has the ability to cascade two to eight boilers together and ZoneStacking up to 24 programmable zones with no external panel required. In commercial applications, optimal energy-efficiency yields reduce energy costs with up to 96.5 percent combustion efficiency. Three multiple-boiler sequencing options are smart mode, series mode and parallel mode. Units may be wall-mounted or floor-standing, use natural or propane gas, and each features a stainless steel, fire-tube heat exchanger with a non-metallic base.

www.weil-mclain.com // Circle No. 43

With a failing water heater and an old, inefficient boiler, Belmont Harbor Condominium, a 20-unit building on Chicago's north side required major upgrades to its heating system. The 3-story building featured a 1 million-Btu boiler operated via an outdoor reset control and a 400,000-Btu/h direct water heater with a 100-gallon storage tank. The individual condo units were heated by hot-water baseboard heaters.

"The skin of the water heater was melting and deforming, and the unit was leaking," recalls Mike Nowak, president of the condo board. "It also caused the boiler room to become extremely warm because the unit was always on and not venting properly. The boiler was way past its expected life and the heat output very inefficient. It operated continuously, especially if it was less than 56 degrees outdoors."

Some residents complained about excessive heat, especially those who lived above the boiler room. Others complained about not having enough hot water.

Chicago-based Hayes Mechanical, which handled repairs to the building's HVAC system for years, was selected to handle the heating upgrade. Hayes Mechanical installed two 96.5 percent AFUE Evergreen 399 MBH boilers from Weil-McLain as a Multiple Boiler System using a Modbus communication feature. In this lead-lag configuration, a master boiler controls the modulation and sequencing of boilers on the network to achieve the desired system supply temperature. Both operate at the lowest rate to optimize efficiencies, and they function with a built-in controller so no additional controls are needed.

The upgrade also included the installation of two Weil-McLain 80-gallon Aqua Plus indirect-fired water heaters to replace the existing direct-fired water heater and storage tank.

"The heat is very comfortable and building occupants are happy about that and appreciative of the ample supply of hot water now available," Nowak says. In addition, the facility has realized a total fuel savings of 42 percent with the new system.









### 8 WINDOWS CAN BE ASSEMBLED AS **CLERESTORY WINGS OR PUNCHED OPENINGS**

Providing natural light and natural ventilation, TECHVENT 5300 window systems from EXTECH feature a patented, tophinge design that allows the unit to remain open during normal rainfall while keeping the interior dry. The windows can be operated manually or electrically and can

be integrated with building control systems. Units typically range from 3- to 8-feet high. The system can be factory assembled with interlocking vertical mullions for installation as continuous clerestory wings up to 150-feet wide or as smaller, individual "punched" openings. The units, which accept up to 1-inch-thick glass or cellular polycarbonate glazing, can be used as operable skylights when installed on a slope. The framing system uses 38.95 percent recycled aluminum as standard and may be specified in a broad choice of finish types and colors. After its useful life as part of a window system, the metal is 100 percent recyclable.

extechinc.com // Circle No. 45



### BRICK IS AVAILABLE IN DARK COLOR

Eldorado Stone has released a new color, Ironside, to the TundraBrick collection. TundraBrick is a classically shaped profile with surface character. Slightly squared edges are chiseled and worn. Tundra-Brick is roughly 2 1/2-inches high and 7.875-inches long. The rich, dark tone of Ironside adds a matte black option accentuated with red undertones to the characteristic brick profile and is suitable for adding depth to darker design palettes.

www.eldoradostone.com // Circle No. 44



### 29 GYPSUM BOARD DAMPENS SOUND WITHOUT DEMOLITION

Improve sound dampening between rooms without the need for disruptive demolition with Gold Bond brand SoundBreak XP Retrofit from National Gypsum. The 5/16-inch sound-dampening gypsum board features a viscoelastic polymer adhered to the back paper. This high-density material is encased in heavy mold-, mildew- and moisture-resistant PURPLE face paper. It can be installed over an existing interior gypsum board wall where noise from adjacent spaces is a concern. It also provides a thinner wall assembly without sacrificing square footage.

soundbreakxpretrofit.info // Circle No. 46



### BI-FOLD DOOR IS DESIGNED TO RESIST HURRICANE FORCES

In response to the record year for hurricanes in 2017, Sierra Pacific Windows has debuted its FeelSafe Bi-fold Door for large, expansive openings. In coastal areas, there's often a balancing act between embracing the view and building with strength to overcome storms. Sierra Pacific's FeelSafe Bi-fold doors are true aluminum clad exterior/wood interior bi-fold doors that meet Zone IV HVHZ requirements. With a 2 1/4-inch-thick panel, the FeelSafe Bi-fold door strikes a balance of storm protection and view maximization.

sierrapacificwindows.com // Circle No. 47



SloanStone® sinks now have more designs than ever before

SloanStone Sink Systems are the ultimate high-traffic commercial restroom solution. Available in multiple designs and colors to fit any application, now with three new models. Pair them with Sloan faucets and matching soap dispensers for superior style and performance. The Arrowhead design comes to a slight point with an open front edge for a modern aesthetic.

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Shown: **SloanStone ELA-82000 sink** with **Combination ESD-501** (EFX-250 Faucet and ESD-500 Soap Dispenser).





### LONG BRICK FEATURES DISTRESSED FINISH

Arriscraft has made available its Architectural Linear Series, elongated bricks for the North American architectural community. The long brick features a distressed finish that is suited for modern designs with rustic appeal. Architectural Linear Series brick is 2 3/8-inches high by 23 5/8-inches long (depth is standard at 3 3/4 inches). The brick is available in four standard colors: Charcoal, Midnight Grey, Obsidian and Opal. Arriscraft's Natural Process technology uses natural materials plus color pigments and replicates how stone is created in the Earth.

www.arriscraft.com // Circle No. 49

### 3 STOP UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY THROUGH SWINGING DOORS

Boon Edam Inc. has released the Circlelock Combi mantrap portal solution that prevents unauthorized entry into high-security areas by attaching to existing fire-rated swinging doors. The retrofit option was designed to address unauthorized entrants "piggybacking" behind an authorized person through a swinging door. The cylindrical solution has a single sliding door on one end and an opening on the other end that is mounted to an existing



wall and swing door. The Combi uses Boon Edam's StereoVision2 detection technology in the ceiling to scan the compartment and ensure a user is alone prior to unlocking the swing door. Security managers can choose to prevent piggybacking for inbound and outbound traffic. The Circlelock Combi can process five to six people per minute.

www.boonedam.us// Circle No. 51

### 2 CONTROL UP TO 35 LED FIXTURES WITH DIFFERENT

B.E.G. Controls has unveiled RATIO, an unobtrusive architectural solution for scene control. RATIO uses three components—a FLAT sensor, small power sup-



www.begcontrols.com // Circle No. 50



### MOUNTING STANDS ALLOW HEATING UNITS TO BE PLACED

Cambridge Engineering has launched a line of vertical and horizontal stands to accompany the company's heating and make-up air units. The accessories come after Cambridge's move in 2017 to standardize the vertical versions of its two main product lines, the S-Series space heaters and the M-Series make-up air units. The mounting stands allow maximum flexibility for retrofit and new construction projects. No field cutting or rework is required, saving time

www.cambridge-eng.com // Circle No. 52

### 35 CONTROL NOISE IN HOTEL ROOMS

K.R. Moeller Associates Ltd. has launched MODIO, a device specifically designed to address hotel noise. Using a sound similar to soft airflow, MODIO covers up intruding noises or reduces their disruptive impact by minimizing the amount of change between volume peaks and the guest room's baseline

background sound level. In the past, guests tried unsuccessfully to use the HVAC system, white noise apps or other gadgets in this manner. A commercial-

grade masking system, like MO-DIO, properly generates sound, adjusts it via effective volume and frequency controls, and produces it over a high-quality loudspeaker. MODIO can be attached to the back of a TV. a wall or furnishing in minutes.

www.modio.audio// Circle No. 53





### 36 CONTROL MULTIPLE BUILDINGS ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD

Lutron Electronics has announced Enterprise Vue, a single data and management platform for multiple Lutron systems across corporate and university campuses, retail locations, or hospitality and restaurant spaces. Enterprise Vue gives facility managers real-time control of multiple buildings—whether they are all in one location or scattered around the world—by integrating data from Lutron's Quantum and Vive systems. Using a multi-building dashboard, facility managers can configure, monitor, analyze, report, and act upon the data provided across all Quantum- or Vive-

enabled buildings at an enterprise level. This new offering supports Lutron's mission to simplify smart building technology and ensure that more spaces can be IoT-enabled and easily controlled.

www.lutron.com/quantum // Circle No. 54

### 7 WINDOW SHADES OFFER NEW FABRICS IN BLACKOUT RANGE

Phifer Inc. now offers new fabric options in its SheerWeave Style 7500 blackout range. Seven new colors have been added across popular neutral tones. In addition, Style 7500R now is available in response to growing demand for a lower-cost option where commercial fire



certifications are not required. Style 7500 is PVC-free coated, polyester blackout fabric that maintains quality at an economical price. Suitable for roller shade and panel track systems, the window treatment fabrics are available in a neutral, 12-color palette. Style 7500 and new Style 7500R are stocked in 118-inch width. All Style 7500 fabrics are certified to GREENGUARD standards.

www.phifer.com // Circle No. 55

### 38 SOLID SURFACE SINKS AVAILABLE IN NEW MODELS

Sloan has introduced three models to its SloanStone line of molded, solid-surface sinks. Engineered for high-traffic environments, SloanStone sinks are vandal-resistant and feature a single-molded basin with non-porous surfaces for a hygienic environment that can be easily serviced. The sinks are suitable for wall-mount applications and are designed to pair with Sloan faucets and soap dispensers. Fourteen SloanStone sinks now are available, including Round Front ELRF Series for restrooms frequented by children and Arrowhead ELA Series, which features a slight point and an open front edge. The new models can be paired with any of Sloan's faucets and seven new matching sensor-activated soap dispensers for a cohesive on-deck aesthetic.

sloan.com/sloanstone // Circle No. 56







### WINDOWS MAINTAIN HISTORIC INTEGRITY OF LANDMARKS

St. Cloud Window Inc. has introduced the SCW3000 Series, a line of historic replication/narrow sightline windows and terrace doors. The SCW3000 Series is designed around a 3-inch frame



engineered to maintain a narrow sightline profile yet facilitate the structural needs of large window openings and maintain the historic integrity required for landmark properties. It is available for awning, hopper, casement and fixed applications, as well as floating vent fenestrations that are common in buildings of historic significance. The new window boasts 45 STC and 36 OITC (without the need for an acoustic interior panel) and thermal values ranging from 0.23 to 0.31 U values and 0.16 to 36 SHGC values.

#### stcloudwindow.com // Circle No. 58

In 2013, representatives of Springfield Community and Technical College, Springfield, Mass., determined that facilities for student life and services were lacking. The college turned to Building 19, a historic former armory in the heart of campus. Built as a storehouse for gunstocks more than 170 years earlier, it was never fully enclosed. Major updates would be required to make it an accessible, usable space.

Building 19 is part of the Springfield Armory National Historic Site, one of 13 buildings on the college campus listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It was closed and given to the college in 1968. However, because of the old infrastructure and the many considerations that go into renovating and remodeling historic sites, it sat largely unused for nearly 50 years.

One of the largest challenges in updating Building 19 was its windows. First, the building is 767-feet long and 3-stories high. The fenestration made up nearly 50 percent of the building's façade, a total of 552 windows. In addition, no two windows were alike; openings ranged from 10 by 7 feet to 10 by 13 feet.

The architect turned to St. Cloud Window Inc. and the SCW3000 Series to update the windows while maintaining the historic look of the building. St. Cloud Window worked with the National Park Service and the Massachusetts Historical Commission to develop the fenestration, fully enclosing the building while maintaining natural light. In addition, historical louvers originally designed for ventilation were retooled as exterior sunshades to minimize heat.

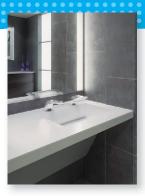
Today, Building 19 is an accessible, sustainable and vibrant part of campus life. It houses administrative offices, a student commons, student services, a health center, café, study spaces, a library and campus bookstore.





### AND DRYER IN ONE FIXTURE

Bradley Corp. has combined its touchless handwashing feature with its line of Omni-Decks. The WashBar,



originally launched with Bradley's Verge wash basins, is comprised of a single piece of chrome-plated stainless steel that combines soap, water and dryer in one fixture. LED lighting and easy-to-identify icons on the WashBar help to visually orient the user through the handwashing process. The WashBar's streamlined design eliminates the cluttered look of three separate components, complementing the OmniDeck's aesthetic and elevating its washroom flexibility. WashBar technology also saves on maintenance costs with fewer soap refills, the elimination of paper towels, less wet floor cleanup and less time emptying waste bins.

#### www.bradleycorp.com // Circle No. 59

Oxford Lanes opened at its current location in January 1963. The 12lane bowling alley serves the Oxford, Ohio, community and hosts several coaching programs and a variety of bowling leagues.

Wanting to provide the best possible bowling facility. Owner Andrew Nieman needed to solve a problem for his

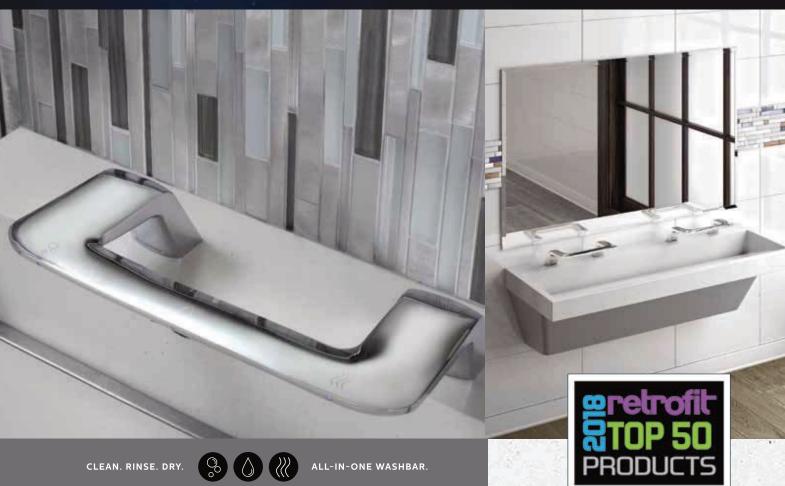


patrons: wet restroom floors. "Wet floors are a major annoyance because when the soles of bowling shoes get wet, they don't function properly on the bowling lane—not to mention the safety hazards of slipping and falling on wet restroom floors. We set out to find a hand-washing product that kept water contained inside the sink with no splashing or dripping. We also wanted a fixture that was easy to install and didn't require a special drain apparatus."

The Verge with WashBar solved Nieman's concerns because it keeps the floor clear of water, crumpled paper towels and other debris. The sink also is easy to clean. "We are trying to 'go green' in our operations, so eliminating paper towels with the touch-free hand dryer was another plus," Nieman says. "The performance of the Verge with WashBar has amazed me—and our clientele."



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Now available through Duro-Last, Duro-Shield Coatings and Materials are designed to seal and protect a variety of substrates. Available in Duro-Shield 20, Duro-Shield 10 and Duro-Shield 5, these 100 percent elastomeric acrylic coatings feature a white finish that reflects the sun's rays, lowering heat buildup and energy costs. Duro-Shield 20 offers 35 mils of coverage when dry and a 20-year limited warranty. Duro-Shield 10 features 24 mils of coverage when dry and a 10-year limited warranty. Duro-Shield 5 offers 20 mils of coverage when dry and a five-year limited

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warranty. Additional products in the Duro-Shield

line include Duro-Shield Primer, Duro-Shield Brush



### 43 COATING CREATES WEATHERED METAL APPEARANCE

Fabral has added the Weathered Metal Series to its Specialty Coatings. Users have a choice of two stages of aged steel—moderately weathered Raw and more heavily weathered Robust. Each pattern is crafted and engineered to give any roofing or cladding project the authentic look of timelessness. The Weathered Metal Series is a fluoropolymer coating system that uses cool pigment technology applied over GALVALUME-coated steel sheets.

fabral.com // Circle No. 63



### 42 DIRECT-WIRE RETROFIT SOLUTION SAVES MORE ENERGY PER LAMP

EarthTronics now offers a high-performance T8 double-end direct-wire LED Type B, 15watt EarthBulb that provides greater than 60 percent energy savings. By removing the bal-

last from the equation, direct-wire T8 lamps save up to 5 additional watts of energy per lamp. When replacing 32-watt fluorescent T8 lamps, this new direct-wire solution saves 18 to 22 watts per lamp, resulting in 60 to 70 percent savings, depending on the type of ballast removed from the circuit. The double-end design provides a quick, UL-listed way to retrofit existing fixtures inexpensively.

www.earthtronics.com // Circle No. 62

Located near the Arizona State University campus in Tempe, Ariz., Green Leaf Tempe Station is home to college students and professionals. The 16-building, 400-unit apartment complex features spacious floor plans, a resort-style pool and spa, cabanainfluenced grilling areas and more on approximately 18.5 acres.

David Burrill, corporate construction manager for Green Leaf Partners, says: "At all of our properties, Green Leaf Partners



makes substantial improvements with goals of sustainable building, reduced waste and energy efficiency. Many times, the biggest impact and best benefit we could afford our residents and investors is in energy savings. The easiest and least expensive way to save energy is through the use of high-efficiency LED lighting."

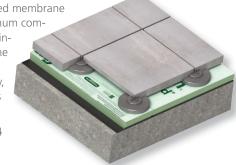
For interior spaces, Energy Efficiency Pros specified G25, A15, A19, A21, BR20 and B11 LED EarthBulbs from EarthTronics. After LEDs were installed, Green Leaf Partners was very pleased with the energy reduction and the quality of light, which provides comfort to residents and meets the property's environmentally friendly mission. Overall, Green Leaf Tempe Station will reduce its lighting energy consumption by more than 400,000 kilowatt hours each year.

### 44 XPS NOW OFFERED IN ADDITIONAL THICKNESSES AND COMPRESSIVE STRENGTHS

Kingspan Insulation has expanded its GreenGuard extruded polystyrene (XPS) insulation board product offering with additional thicknesses of 3 and 4 inches in select 25-, 40- and 60-psi compressive strength boards. The company also has added a new four-sided routed drainage channel board. The products help round out Kingspan's GreenGuard line in commercial markets, such as roofing, cold storage, and various below-grade and vertical wall applications. The GreenGuard XPS

Drainage Channel Board is for use in protected membrane roof assemblies requiring 40- or 60-psi minimum compressive strength and drainage channels. Drainage channels are cut along all four sides of the board at 0.5-inch deep and 0.25-inch wide. When placed facing down in a PMR assembly, channels permit drainage of water that seeps through to the roof membrane.

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#### FIRE-WALL HANGERS TESTED TO ASTM E814

The DG fire wall hanger series from Simpson Strong-Tie is suited for Type III multifamily, multi-level building construction and easily installs on a two-hour wood stud fire wall during framing—before the drywall is in place. The series includes three models of top-flange hangers that connect floor joists to the wood wall and feature enough space for two layers of 5/8-inch drywall to be installed later. The three fire wall hangers have been tested according to ASTM E814 standards to verify that the hangers do not reduce the two-hour assembly rating and, therefore, each of the DG hangers received F (flame) and T (temperature) ratings for use on either or both sides of a wall. The DG series hangers are certified in Intertek's online Directory of Building Products.

strongtie.com // Circle No. 66



### 6 OPEN SPACES WITH FOLDING **WALLS**

Construction Specialties has introduced Vista Air Vertically Folding Walls, a flexible space solution that permits open spaces while occupying a small footprint. The system's lowprofile design features Vista Air's proprietary Rizon Lift System, which utilizes meshing gears

to replace the counterweights, tension springs, straps, hydraulics and pulleys traditionally found in flexible space-management solutions. Safety and integrity are ensured by the product's durable structure, a "fail-safe" positive stop system and optional sensors to prevent hazardous closure. Vista Air is available in several mounting options and cladding materials, including metal, wood and glass. Possible attachment systems include insulated wall panels, concrete masonry units and wood framing.

vistaairwalls.com // Circle No. 67



### 47 FILTER EXISTING WATER FOUNTAINS, COOLERS

Elkay offers vandal-resistant retrofit filtration kits, which add a filtration system to existing non-filtered water coolers, fountains and bottle-filling stations. The kits can be applied to Elkay or non-Elkay units, and the enclosure box is constructed from 20-gauge stainless steel to protect the filter and

anywhere near an accessible water line and include the company's WaterSentry VII filter, a 1,500-gallon-capacity filter that is NSF 53 and 42 certified for the reduction of lead, chlorine, taste, odor and Class 1 particulates. The kits are available with or without an LED filter-status moni-

tor and audio alert that indicates when a replacement filter is necessary.

elkay.com/drinking-solutions // Circle No. 68

### EXIT DEVICES MEET MULTIPLE DOOR REQUIREMENTS

ASSA ABLOY Group brand Adams Rite has made available EX Series Exit Devices in four models. The series includes impact bumpers to reduce sound and horizontal and vertical guide with return control for smoother operation. The devices come with a universal hardware kit for aluminum, hollow metal and wood installations. The EX88 Interlocking Rim Exit Device has a bolt design that interlocks the door to the frame for strength and durability; it is compatible with the new Adams Rite 7800 Electric Strike for an electrification option.

The Pullman Rim Exit Device features a 3/4-inch Pullman latch bolt that is compatible with the Adams Rite

74R1 Electric Strike. The EX76 Concealed Vertical Rod Exit Device features adjustable concealed rods and latching assembly for easy installation,

maintenance and adjustment. The EX80 Dummy Push Bar is for applications that do not require a latching/locking life-safety exit device. The EX Series devices come in 30-, 36- and 48inch lengths and can be cut to length in the field.

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- ROSS CAMERON, RIBA, RIAS, vice president, project manager
- ROSS CROMERTY, LEED AP, architectural designer
- BRYAN PREMONT, architect
- CHI-THIEN NGUYEN, designer
- MARGARET BROWN, designer
- MOEKO HARA, designer

**EXECUTIVE ARCHITECT:** Perfido Weiskopf Wagstaff + Goettel, Pittsburgh,pwwgarch.com

### **GENERAL CONTRACTOR:**

Mascaro Construction Co. L.P., Pittsburgh,

www.mascaroconstruction.com

### **EXTERIOR RESTORATION**

**ARCHITECT:** Wessling Architects, Quincy, Mass.,

www.wesslingarchitects.com

**STRUCTURAL ENGINEER:** Atlantic Engineering Services, Pittsburgh, aespj.com

### MECHANICAL/ELECTRICAL/ PLUMBING ENGINEER: AHA

Consulting Engineers, Lexington, Mass., www.aha-engineers.com

**ELEVATOR CONSULTANT:** Van Deusen & Associates, Voorhees,

N.J., vdassoc.com

### PRESERVATION CONSULTANT:

Heritage Consulting Group, Philadelphia,

www.heritage-consulting.com

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION SERVICES: Powers & Co.,

Philadelphia,

powerspreservation.com

**ART CONSULTANT:** Boston Art, Boston, www.bostonartinc.com



# TREASURE TROVE

Pittsburgh's Union Trust Building Repovation Highlights Architectura Riches and Modern Gems 

rnate and impressive, the 1917 Flemish-Gothic Union Trust Building in Pittsburgh's downtown had become little more than a passageway over the decades. Ill-suited interventions and years of disrepair obscured beauti-

fully detailed interiors in the 541,000-square-foot, 11-story icon."Inside, it was a

dingy and depressing place.
People used the atrium as a shortcut from the nearby public transportation to access downtown offices, but no one lingered," recalls Ross Cameron, a vice president and architect at Elkus Manfredi Architects, the firm that was instrumental in the building's retrofit. "Now the ground-floor is activated with restaurants, and the atrium lobby is a

place where people want to be and be seen. We created a contemporary use for a building that had essentially lost its way."

### **GRAND ARRIVAL**

Arranged around a central rotunda, the interior is capped by a stained-glass dome designed by Pittsburgh's Ruby Brothers. The dome had been roofed over decades prior so it no longer functioned as a naturally daylit skylight. Although it

Park Service oversaw the restoration of the Union Trust Building, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. At the four EXTERIOR ENTRIES, the addition of glass canopies was allowed, which, while modern, are respectful additions to the restored original bronze materials and give more presence to each entry.

### **MATERIALS**

### LOBBY CARPET:

Royal Thai, www.royalthai.com

### CARPET TILE:

Shaw Contract, www.shawcontract.com

**TILE:** Daltile, www.daltile.com

**STONE**: Stone Source, www.stonesource.com

### SOLID SURFACE:

Caesarstone, www.caesarstoneus.com

### PLUMBING FIXTURES:

Brizo, www.brizo.com, and Kohler, www. us.kohler.com

### **FURNITURE:**

Bernhardt Design, bernhardtdesign.com; Cumberland, www. cumberlandfurniture. com; Debra Folz, www.debrafolz.com; Hightower, hightoweraccess.com; and Muuto, muuto.com

### WALLCOVERINGS:

Carnegie Fabrics, carnegie fabrics.com, and D.L. Couch, www.dlcouch.com

# CASE ROOM TIERED SEATING DESKS:

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**PAINT**: Benjamin Moore, www. benjaminmoore.com

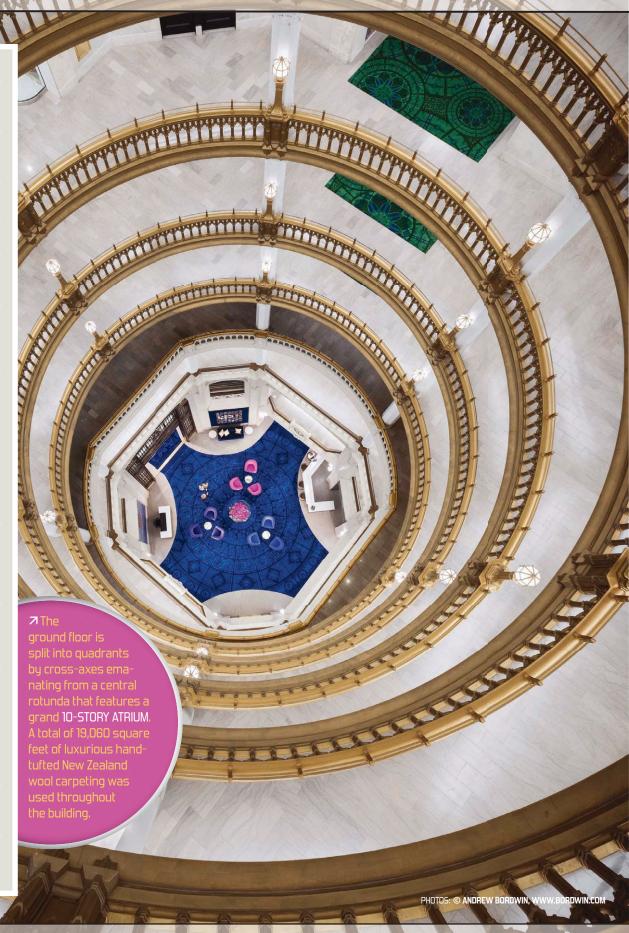
LAMINATE: Chemetal, www.chemetal.com, and Abet Laminati, us.abetlaminati.com

### LVT FLOORING:

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had been backlit from above with artificial lighting, the treatment did not properly showcase the glass's intricate detail. Designers uncovered the dome to cascade daylight down through the 11-story atrium. A new more efficient, brighter lighting system greatly enhanced the color and detail in the stained-glass work. The team also opened up floorplates and ceilings to create unobstructed expanses, which allow diverse floor plans for today's office culture.

"We left our assumptions behind and strived for authenticity in the project," notes Elizabeth Lowrey, a principal and designer at Elkus Manfredi Architects. "This meant we had to preserve the values of the Union Trust Building while breathing life into it to support modern uses."

The project contains 19,060 square feet of richly hued, hand-tufted New Zealand wool carpet manufactured in Thailand. The carpet's pattern is an exact replica in scale and design of the glass dome soaring directly above. "It's a bold blue that entices you as soon as you enter the building," says Chi-Thien Nguyen, a designer at Elkus Manfredi Architects, "and the pattern inspires people to stop, ponder and look up."

The carpet changes color as one moves up through the building, with gradients of blue ultimately shifting into a gold/amber drawn from the Union Trust's gold logo on the top floor.

### **OPEN INVITATION**

To make the rotunda a place where people would want to spend time, the designers introduced sophisticated, inviting seating for office tenants and restaurant patrons to gather. They also added a 2,100-square-foot space for a proposed lobby bar/restaurant designed to serve morning breakfast/coffee, a grab-and-go lunch, or happy hour cocktails.

Beautiful original materials like marble and terra cotta were restored to exhibit the building's rich history. "We treated the interior almost like a museum but inserted bold colors and objects that stand out," Nguyen notes. "The deliberately modern interventions, such as the furniture and finishes, announce that a new century has arrived."

A real-estate investment fund managed by The Davis Companies of Boston owns the Union Trust Building. From the project's inception, the company's CEO Jonathan Davis (a Pittsburgh native and arts advocate) wanted to showcase local, contemporary artists. Thirty pieces of original art—paintings, photography and ceramic wall sculpture—were commissioned for the building. For example, 10 dramatic murals line walls on both sides of the elevator lobbies on floors five through 10, as well as walls in the atrium. Bringing all these creative works to the public, the building is on a path for self-guided art walks in Pittsburgh's cultural district.

ABUNDANCE OF RICHES

The Union Trust Building was full of surprises. It's rare to find intact documentation in historic structures. but an archive of authentic building blueprint drawings had been stored in some upper floors' offices. These beautifully hand-drafted blueprints gave rise to the deep blue color of the atrium carpet.

Squirreled away in several storage rooms in the basement, architects also discovered original molds for the building's terracotta roof tiles.

Despite
finding original
blueprints, the
existing building's drawings
were woefully
inadequate. In fact,
the Union Trust Building's existing drawings were
missing three entire floors. With
much of the building vacant, the team was
able to conduct investigative demolition.
This led to another exciting surprise. Hidden in the walls of the former mechanical

The CARPET changes color as it moves up in the atrium, gradating from blue on the ground floor to green to gold/amber on the top floor. Corridor FLOORS throughout are composed of Tennessee marble.

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lobby bar is floor space on the updesigned to be per floors, the team used during the discovered giant day for breakfast, structural-steel coffee and lunch, as transfer trusses. well as after hours "When we peeled as a dinneroff some walls, we and-drinks found beautifully constructed steel that aligned with today's design aesthetic so we decided to expose it," Cameron says. "In addition, showcasing the trusses celebrates Pittsburgh's industrial legacy."

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nightspot.

Designers programmed the area as the building's new fitness center, and the historic trusses now give a very contemporary feel to the space.

### PEELING BACK LAYERS

The team had to address the building's severe deterioration to support the required structural, electrical and mechanical infrastructure improvements.

The building's exterior is constructed of limestone that had rust staining over the majority of the exterior surface because of its high iron content. The mansard roof was water-damaged and leaking badly. The Union Trust Building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and

the project was seeking state historic tax credits. This opened up a process of review at state and federal levels when it came to exterior repairs and new storefront windows for the restaurants. "This building is completely unique, and our

exterior restoration processes and cleaning methodologies faced a lot of scrutiny from reviewers," Cameron says.

Ultimately, the iron streaks were cleaned, and the team repointed and sealed the stone. Ornamental features on the mansard roof were extensively repaired and restored, including replacement of some terra-cotta roof tiles using the discovered molds. The team also added new roofing and flashing and fully restored the bronze street entries.

Inside, a 1950s remodel had replaced glass components at the interior office entrances with marble panels that had wood and plaster surfaces above, which cut off tenant space views to and from the rotunda. Elkus Manfredi Architects replaced the 1950 panels with floor-to-ceiling linear and curved glass panels at each office front and added new LED lighting. These upgrades reestablish visual connections between the rotunda and tenant spaces and add more light to the 11-story atrium.

The team cleaned the building's original Alabama marble and Tennessee marble floors, as well as the terra-cotta walls and floors. Bronze elevator doors on the ground floor were restored to their original glory, and 12 elevators were modernized. The renovation replaced all the building's







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windows. The design also added a 190-car garage in the basement and a cooling tower on the roof.

### **CUSTOM CUT**

Previously, the adjacent BNY Mellon Center had provided the building's chilled water for heating and cooling. The new cooling tower gave the building independent operations but incorporating HVAC vents into the arcade/atrium became an obstacle. "We came up with the concept to recreate molding details in metal to accommodate the vents," Nguyen says. "It's clear that these details are new in the building but they align with the original architecture."

The lush carpet also required innovation. If it had been inset, it would have involved scoring the marble floors to accept adhesive, which was not in line with historic quidelines. The thick, wool carpet lays on top of the marble, but because it is in a high-traffic zone, it had to meet ADA compliance. "We shaved the edges of the carpet to slope down so wheelchairs can roll onto it easily and it is sculpted along the promenades to create a small porch area in front of each retail space," Nguyen explains. "It provides beauty and function for the 21st century."

Now, the award-winning Union Trust Building gleams with new retail tenants; four restaurants; and flexible, Class A office space surrounded by local art.

"The building is part of Pittsburgh's larger downtown renaissance story," Lowrey says. "And we programmed the space to serve today's tenants; invite the neighborhood in; and connect people with ideas, culture and each other."











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### >> RETROFIT TEAM

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STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: Harrison-Hamnett P.C. Consulting Structural Engineers, Pennington, N.J., www.hhpccse.com
LIGHTING DESIGN: OneLux Studio, New York, oneluxstudio.com
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE: Langan, Parsippany, N.J., www.langan.com
COST-ESTIMATING CONSULTANT: International Consultants Inc., Philadelphia, iciconst.com

### **MATERIALS**

The following materials were used

in the project: CONCRETE PLANT WALL: Opiary LLC, opiary.com LOUNGE CHAIRS AND SOFAS: Lowenstein Cubic from OFS, ofs.com OCCASIONAL TABLE: Carolina Basket from OFS CHAIRS AND STOOL: Sandler Seating, www.sandlerseating.com DINING BOOTH: Malibu from ERG, www.erginternational.com TRISCAPE COFFEE TABLES: WilsonArt Colombian Walnut7943K-07 from HBF, www.hbf.com CAFÉ TABLES: Falcon, www.falconproducts.com LIVE-EDGE TABLES: Grove Table from DARRAN Furniture, www.darran.com SIDE TABLES: Cahoots from Keilhauer, www.keilhauer.com PAINT: Benjamin Moore,

WALLCOVERING: MDC. www.mdcwall.com CARPET: Mannington, www.mannington.com, and Atlas, www.atlascarpetmills.com CEILING: Woodworks Vector from Armstrong Ceiling & Wall Solutions. www.armstrongceilings.com STONE COUNTERTOPS: Cambria, www.cambriausa.com TILE: Daltile. www.daltile.com: Nasco Stone & Tile, nascostonetile.com; and Concrete Collaborative, concretecollaborative.com VCT FLOORING: Armstrong Flooring, www.armstrongflooring.com PLASTIC LAMINATE: Formica, www.formica.com LIGHTING: Philips, www.lighting.philips.

### **>> THE RETROFIT**

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This sustainably designed renovation of an existing cafeteria amenity at a rental office property is part of a major repositioning effort aimed at attracting premium office tenants. The goal was to redefine the dining space as a social center for the property and a venue for gatherings and events, indoors and outdoors.

To open the space, the design replaced an opaque wall delineating the servery area with a length of storefront-style partitioning; the glass opening establishing visual connections between the seating and service areas. One section of the partition element offers a full-height plant wall installation; sculpted concrete panels evoke a freshly raked Zen meditation garden with flora bursting from several openings.

Overhead, floating wood beams are exposed, echoing the overhead wood "canopy" of the seasonal bar outside. A mix of lighting fixtures illuminate seating areas: Globe pendants highlight booths by the picture windows; domed fixtures create intimacy and warmth around the lounge seating; and focused LEDs nestled between beams throughout the space eliminate shadows and illuminate

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Varied furnishings are arranged to provide options for occupants to enjoy the space as they prefer. The bar element is accented with Edison-style LED pendant lights and several large artwork panels featuring urban skyscrapers.

The cafeteria servery enjoys a chic, industrial vibe thanks to a steeledge soffit ceiling and counter—with recessed linear and spotlight LEDs arranged overhead in complementary forms—and glossy blue tiles in staggered-brick patterns on the back wall. Wood flooring extends into the service lane, giving way to tiles by the counter. At each end, sliding glass partitions secure the servery after hours without sacrificing the feeling of openness.

A redesigned entrance vestibule utilizes aluminum and glass to heighten the transparency and reinforce the connection to the patio area. The barbecue kiosk sports a trellis-like wood canopy cover that references the floating beams inside the café. The bar pavilion, topped with slate roof tiles and a bronze cap, echoes the covered walkways between buildings at this office park.

# RANCHO VISTA CORPORATE CENTER







ARCHITECTURE/INTERIORS: Ware Malcomb, San Diego, www.waremalcomb.com

GENERAL CONTRACTOR: Level 10 Construction. San Diego, www.level10gc.com

CIVIL ENGINEERS: Michael Baker International, Pittsburgh, www.mbakerintl.com, and SWS Civil Engineers, San Marcos, Calif., www.sws-engr.com STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: Coffman Engineers (formerly Hope-Amundson), San Diego, www. coffman.com

MECHANICAL/PLUMBING ENGINEER: DEC Engineers Inc., San Diego, decengineers.com ELECTRICAL ENGINEER: Michael Wall Engineering, San Diego, www.mwalleng.com LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT: Ridge Landscape Architects, Irvine, Calif., www.ridgela.com

### **MATERIALS**

The following materials were used in the project: PAINT: Sherwin-Williams, www.sherwin-williams.

TILE: Daltile, www.daltile.com, and Ecocrete from IRIS US, www.irisus.com

CARPET: Shaw Floors, shawfloors.com, and Tandus Centiva, www. tandus-centiva.com

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EXTERIOR STONE: TerraCORE,

www.terracorepanels.com FACADE CLADDING: Longboard,

longboardfacades.com

SHADE SAILS: Moran Canvas Products, morancanvas.com

### >> THE RETROFIT

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One of the main goals of the project was to update and add onsite amenities that would attract and retain tenants. The renovation includes a remodeled conference center and a courtyard with outdoor collaboration areas and dining area with a stretched fabric canopy. The renovated 15,600-square-foot café features operable glass walls to provide an indoor/outdoor connection with the courtyard. Other new amenities for tenants include an indoor fitness center and outdoor basketball and volleyball courts.

A driving force of the project was to create a sustainable environment for campus users, focusing on energy efficiency. The landscape design includes xeriscaping to minimize water usage while providing plentiful shaded areas that allow users to utilize outdoor amenities.

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- Rebecca Fuhrman and Nick Durig, intern architects

CONTRACTOR: Montlake Associates, Seattle, www.montlakenw.com LIGHTING DESIGN: KMJ Design, Seattle, kmj-design.com

### **MATERIALS**

The following materials were used in the project: CORK FLOORING: Vallarex from Expanko, www.expanko.com **CORK WALL PANELING:** Jelinek, www.jelinek.com SKYLIGHT: CrystaLite, crystaliteinc.com CUSTOM-FABRICATED STEEL/ **GLASS CONFERENCE ROOM** WALLS AND DOORS: Marian Built, www.marianbuilt.com

SLIDING DOOR HARDWARE: Henderson.

www.pchenderson.com DOOR LEVER: Athena from EMTEK, emtek.com RECEPTION DESK (BLACK WALNUT VENEER PLY-WOOD, HOT-ROLLED STEEL BASE): Designed by goCstudio and Fabricated by Dolan Built, www.dolanbuilt.com KITCHEN ISLAND AND BAR (CROSS-LAMINATED TIMBER ON HOT-ROLLED STEEL BASE): Designed by goCstudio and Fabricated by Dolan Built CONFERENCE-ROOM STEEL DOOR HANDLES: Designed by goCstudio, Fabricated by Marian Built KITCHEN ISLAND AND BAR LIGHTING: Lucent Lampworks, www.lucentlampworks.com KITCHEN CHAIRS: Hot Mesh Stool from Blu Dot, www.bludot.com

### >> THE RETROFIT

Substantial is a digital product studio that was housed in one of two office spaces on the upper floor of a 100-year-old building. Substantial readily took the opportunity to expand into the rest of the floor when the previous tenant moved. The challenge was to create a cohesive open plan workspace, which retained the feel of the original Substantial space and would maximize the existing character of the building: exposed brick walls, old-growth Douglas fir beams and roof decking, and warehouse-style window walls.

Working closely with the owners to understand how the office operates on a day-to-day basis, as well as the needs of the ever-growing number of events and social programs that Substantial hosts, goCstudio proposed the concept of The Forum, a place of assembly for social and business activities. By creating a focal point for a 14,000-square-foot office, employees and visitors would have a place to congregate and exchange ideas in an informal space.

Architecturally, The Forum became an open space below a new large-scale skylight adjacent to the entry staircase. Not only is the skylight used as means to allow natural

light into the deep plan of the building, but it also naturally draws people into the heart of the building. This space became the programmatic organizer of the new insertions, which were laid out around it. A strong material palette of ebony-stained plywood defines the new insertions—conference rooms, quiet rooms and phone rooms-which are organized around The Forum and tie the open office together. Two existing conference rooms were retained from the previous tenant in the expansion and treated with the same material palette to tie them into the new design. The rooms have large steel and glass doors in the style of the industrial warehouses of the building's era.

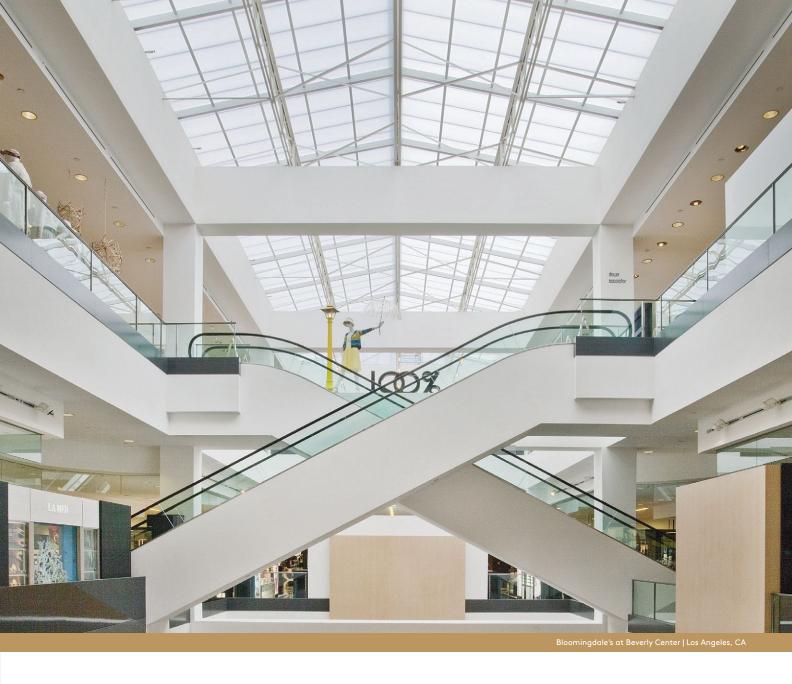
By day, the large kitchen/dining area is used as transient workspaces for the employees who often enjoy a change of scene throughout the day. The 25-foot-long kitchen island and 16-foot-long bar island transform into a busy full-service event space. A 20-foot-long custom reception desk, which reuses Substantial's former steel entry door, was designed to greet visitors as they ascend the staircase from the street. Almost half the office can be used as social gathering space with ease.











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### >> THE RETROFIT

The Lethbridge location was designed to be a bright and inviting facility with an open lobby, a high ceiling and glass facades that allow sunlight into the building. Although the architect had the best intentions, the lobby's lighting became an issue because of the physical position of the building itself. Facing north, the large windows offered plenty of daylight on sunny days-and glare during prime working hours that made it difficult for staff members to do their jobs. To rectify this issue, the maintenance team applied a tint to the windows. The tinting strategy amplified

the illumination issues in the facility on overcast days. The 22 legacy 150-watt indirect/direct metal halide fixtures provided inadequate illumination for the lobby, and many people visiting the facility were compelled to comment on how dark it felt.

Additionally, the metal halide fixtures' recurrent maintenance issues were becoming cost-prohibitive and 1st Choice's facilities team would often wait to service these fixtures knowing another issue was destined to come up shortly. Lamp and ballast failures were prevalent every week or two and an upgrade to Medium Base MH lamps proved unsuccessful when the burnouts continued.

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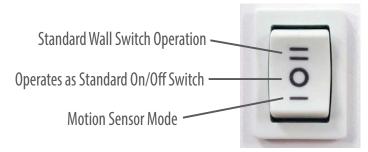
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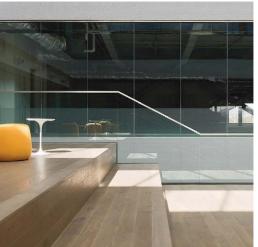
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# 777 AVIATION | El Segundo, Calif.

### **▶** RETROFIT TEAM

ARCHITECT: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM), Los Angeles, www.som.com

GENERAL CONTRACTOR: W.L. Butler, Los Angeles, www.wlbutler.com

GLASS SUPPLIER: Triview Glass, City of Industry, Calif., trivew-glass.squarespace.com

GLAZING INSTALLERS: Glazing Concepts, Corona, Calif., glazingconceptsinc.com, and Electrolurgy Manufacturing, Santa Ana, Calif., electrolurgymfg.com

### **MATERIALS**

SOM's team leveraged the benefits of glass throughout the building to optimize daylight diffusion, thermal performance and aesthetics. The first floor façade and upper level balcony feature CRL-U.S. Aluminum's Series 4500SG Structural Silicone Glazed Curtain Wall, which includes a pressure-bar-free design and is engineered without exposed exterior vertical mullions and joint fasteners. This

produces uninterrupted horizontal glass spans that provide streamlined visuals and a seamless transition to the interior.

CRL-U.S. Aluminum's Entice Entrance System also was installed. The system features ultra-narrow 1 1/8-inch vertical stiles and an overall system depth of 2 1/2 inches, producing an all-glass aesthetic. In addition, it can support handle hardware—including panic devices—on 1-inch insulating glass units using proprietary through-glass fittings.

Existing systems were grandfathered in, but the Series 4500SG Curtain Wall and Entice Entrance System were subjected to, and met, California Title 24's thermal performance requirements.

Interior glass entrances include CRL-U.S.
Aluminum DRS Door Rails with floating headers and low-profile sidelite channels that produce clean glass spans. The DRS Door Rails are paired with CRL-Blumcraft Panic Handles, which feature a slim tubular design. Custom 13/16-inch laminated glass was selected to allow taller glass spans and

improve STC ratings. The glass walls feature a custom dot pattern frit while providing privacy and light diffusion.

The building's interior also features CRL's GRS TAPER-LOC Glass Guardrail System with corner top caps. The guardrail offers an ICC-ES-approved base shoe system and complies with 2015 IBC updates.

GLASS MANUFACTURER AND SUPPLIER: CRL-U.S. Aluminum, www.crl-arch.com

### >> THE RETROFIT

Originally occupied by Xerox Corp., Modernist Architect Craig Ellwood developed the office building's concept in 1968. To reflect the needs and culture of today's workspaces, SOM was charged with repurposing 777 Aviation from a single-tenant to a multi-tenant space with indoor and outdoor collaborative environments. A café, gym, bike-rental space and dog park were part of the updates.

# AIRPORT SQUARE 13 | Linthicum Heights, Md.

### >> RETROFIT TEAM

ARCHITECT: Gensler, Baltimore, www.gensler.com METAL WALL PANEL INSTALLERS: HITT Contracting Inc., Falls Church, Va., hitt.com, and Chesapeake Glazing, Reistertown, Md., www.chesapeakeglazing.com

### **MATERIALS**

Contrasting Dri-Design Wall Panels recently transformed the 30-year-old, 4-story office building into a modern lease option with curb appeal. HITT Contracting in collaboration with Chesapeake Glazing installed 20,621 square feet of 0.080inch aluminum Dri-Design wall panels in clear anodized and Charcoal painted finishes.

Dri-Design wall panels have dry joints. There are no sealants, gaskets or butyl tape, so there will be no streaking on the building or maintenance for building owners. The panels are tested to exceed ASTM standards and the latest AAMA 508-07. Dri-Design panels are available in a variety of materials, colors, finishes, textures and sizes.

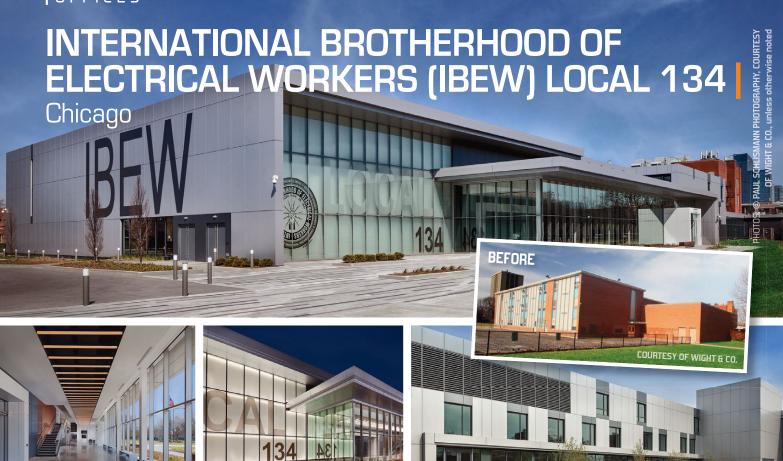
WALL PANELS MANUFACTURER: Dri-Design, www.dri-design.com

### >> THE RETROFIT

Gensler worked with the developer to make this building the signature spot of Airport Square, a 200-acre corporate campus. Surrounded by retail, restaurants and new office developments, Airport Square 13 now can compete because of its interior and exterior renovations, which have made the space more attractive.







### **→ RETROFIT TEAM**

ARCHITECT AND GENERAL CONTRACTOR: Wight & Co., Chicago, www.wightco.com
METAL PANEL INSTALLER: Architectural
Panel Systems Inc., Naperville, III.,
www.architecturalpanelsystems.com
METAL PANEL ENGINEERING AND FABRICATION:
Sobotec Ltd., Hamilton, Ontario, Canada,
www.sobotec.com

### **MATERIALS**

The modern façade is clad in nearly 24,000 square feet of 4-millimeter Alucobond PLUS aluminum composite material (ACM), including 19,873 square feet of Custom Ridgedale Silver, 2,327 square feet of Custom Gray Velvet Mica and 1,747 square feet of Bone White.

"The Alucobond ACM panel was selected as the 'wrapper' of the building because it gave us a clean and modern finish that would help emphasize the massing, as well as the slim profile that was crucial to the architectural concept," explains Milica "Mimi" Stojsavljevic, project designer, Wight & Co. "The module we wanted to work with was fairly large and Alucobond ACM was able to achieve this. The custom colors were so helpful; it gave us endless opportunity in color selection." The Custom Ridgedale Silver and Custom Gray

Velvet Mica Alucobond colors were selected to create a two-tone subtle backdrop to reflect the building's light feature, according to Stojsavljevic.

Alucobond panels also were installed in IBEW's headquarters' interior areas "where we were trying to mimic some of the exterior architecture," Stojsavljevic says.

"Alucobond allowed them to keep the aesthetics and come in at budget," says Ross Boehmer, president of Architectural Panel Systems. "We could install much larger panels with joints where they wanted them."

"This design required very long panels," adds Vlad Sobot, president of Sobotec Ltd., recalling the majority of the 1,085 Alucobond panels measured 5 feet by 12 feet and ranged up to 16 feet in length. "If we used any cladding material other than Alucobond, it would show a great deal of oil canning."

Sobotec's team developed engineering plans that included the installation of aluminum stiffeners behind the Alucobond panels. "To achieve this design properly, you have to introduce stiffeners on these large panels," Sobot notes. "That's no easy task because they can read through. This installation with Alucobond does not. It looks simple, but it's not."

ACM MANUFACTURER: 3A Composites USA, www.3acompositesusa.com

### >> THE RETROFIT

IBEW members celebrated the grand opening of their new headquarters and union hall in May 2018. The renovation project has been described in glowing terms that are reflective not only of the building's light-filled architectural design but of its significant impact on the surrounding Bronzeville neighborhood revitalization.

The \$25-million project—totaling approximately 70,000 square feet—is a retrofit of the Chicago Public Schools' 1960s-era, 48,000-square-foot Drake Elementary School, as well as 22,000 square feet of new construction. To achieve IBEW's design goals for the old school, Stojsavljevic said the decision was made to demolish everything but the concrete structure and to rebuild the exterior skin and interiors. A 5-foot cavity between the renovated school building and the newly constructed union hall and lobby was designed to serve as a chase for oversized ductwork running to the lobby.

Demolition began in January 2017 with a tight schedule requiring renovated offices to be ready in September 2017 and the newly constructed union hall and lobby completed in March 2018.



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# RADIO FLYER | Chicago

### >> RETROFIT TEAM

ARCHITECT: Gensler, Chicago, www.gensler.com GENERAL CONTRACTOR: Leopardo, Chicago, leopardo.com

LIGHTING DESIGNER: JR Lighting Design, Tinley Park, III., jrlightingdesign.com

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR: Grand Kahn Electric, Chicago, grandkahn.com

### **MATERIALS**

Radio Flyer officials decided the brick façade didn't convey the company's energetic and free-spirited work environment. It was too industrial and didn't sparkle with Radio Flyer's energetic and whimsical spirit.

A 167-foot-wide by 30-foot-tall tube-steel-frame and channel-glass wall was created to provide a dynamic, colorful entrance experience into the company's welcome area. The designers added programmable, color LED lighting to backlight the glass, based on the client's vision. "Any element of the lighting system needed to be able to withstand the harsh conditions an outdoor permanent installation faces in Chicago's winter and summer months," notes Jason Reberski, JR Lighting Design's president.

As such, all lighting instruments required an ingress-protection rating of at least IP65. The fixtures also had to be capable of performing in a long-duty-cycle application while creating enough

light to adequately illuminate frosted glass during daylight hours. The system had to be self-sustaining and self-programmable so there would be little staff interaction. Because the system covers one large surface, it needed to be illuminated evenly and show no signs of color variation. JR Lighting Design selected Acclaim Lighting's Dyna Drum HO and Dyna Flood QA fixtures for the job because of their high lumen output with rich colors and high IP rating.

The fixtures feature an adjustable yoke, onboard digital display, a 100-277VAC internal power supply and a built-in receiver for Acclaim Lighting's Aria wireless DMX transceiver. The compact, local, outdoor-rated wireless DMX transceiver acts as a sending and receiving point. Users can select up to 15 channels on the 2.4GHZ band. An internal, wireless radio features automatic networking and signal routing optimization to ensure the best-possible DMX data reception. The ARIA system includes a 5 dB, omni-directional antenna to provide transmission up to 2,600 feet line of sight and 300 feet between obstructions and walls. This installation represented the ARIA Wireless DMX technology's first commercial use.

To showcase the giant, iconic wagon on the property, lighting designers installed all-white Dyna Flood QA fixtures. This high-power, LED flood unit features an auto-switching, multi-voltage power supply and an onboard, touch-sensitive menu.

The entire installation also includes Acclaim's RDS, 6-way DMX + RDM splitter and optimizer. The unit features one RDM/DMX input and six outputs, providing flexible configuration of the RDM/DMX signal. Each port is isolated electrically to ensure a maximum total run of 3,900 feet for each signal line.

JR Lighting Design also specified the Interactive Technologies CueServer 2 DIN, an ethernet-based lighting-control solution that can blend standalone architectural and show-control functions to produce elaborate, customized playback. LIGHTING AND CONTROLS MANUFACTURER: Acclaim Lighting, www.acclaimlighting.com

### **→ THE RETROFIT**

At Radio Flyer, the color red and wagons are at the core of the company's 100-year-old heritage. The headquarters building, once a traditional, brick-clad manufacturing warehouse on West Grand Avenue, now welcomes visitors from across the world into the whimsical world of wagons, scooters, trikes, bikes and ride-ons with a new, shiny modern façade. The lighting project took nearly a year to complete, with revisions, systems modifications and programming completed by July 2017.

EDITOR'S NOTE: ARIA Wireless DMX was

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# BAKER CENTER | Minneapolis

### >> RETROFIT TEAM

ARCHITECT: RSP Architects, Minneapolis, rsparch.com **GENERAL CONTRACTORS:** JE Dunn Construction Group Inc., Minneapolis, www.jedunn.com, and Gardner Builders, Minneapolis, gardner-builders.com GLAZIER: Brin Glass Co., Minneapolis, www.bringlass.com

Trex Commercial Products installed custom railings that outline the rooftop terrace, contemporary atrium staircase connecting the first and second floors, and the interior landings and

Trex Commercial Products provided a dry glaze Track Rail system with glass infill. The glass and stainless-steel system added a modern touch to the historic renovation. A highlight of this project is the curved landing, which required rolled base shoe, cladding, top cap and glass to achieve the desired radius.

RAILING MANUFACTURER: Trex Commercial Products, www.trexcommercial.com

### >> THE RETROFIT

The Baker Center, a multi-tenant office property, includes four buildings located on the corner of Marquette Avenue and South Eighth Street in downtown Minneapolis. Dating back to 1925, the property was known as the "Street Car" or "Terminal Block" because it was proposed to be developed as the main terminal for all city and suburban streetcars. Its 2017 major renovation intended to maintain the history of the building and its Art Deco style. Today, the building, which houses retail, restaurant and office spaces, features a new street-level entrance with a 2-story atrium, skyway lobby extension and a state-of-the-art media wall.











# **ALORICA** Owensboro, Ky.









### >> RETROFIT TEAM

ARCHITECT: Axiom Architecture, Owensboro, www.axiom-architecture.com GENERAL CONTRACTOR: Jenkins-Essex Construction Co., Elizabethtown, Ky., jenkinsessex.com INSTALLER: Wilkerson Plastering and Acoustics, Owensboro, (270) 926-8170

### **MATERIALS**

Several of Petersen's PAC-CLAD profiles in a blend of complementary colors contributed to the transformation of the building. The colors include Berkshire Blue, Cityscape, Matte Black and Weathered Zinc. Cityscape and Weathered Zinc are PAC-CLAD Cool Colors. The Petersen profiles include Flush/Reveal Wall panels, Flush/Vented Flush Soffit panels and 7.2 Exposed Fastener panels.

METAL WALL PANEL MANUFACTURER: Petersen, www.pac-clad.com

### >> THE RETROFIT

Alorica, an Irvine, Calif.-based customer-engagement-services company, opened a regional call center in a former BB&T Bank building. The 830-job facility is one of Owensboro's largest-ever economic development projects, said Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin. Alorica employs more than 92,000 people at 150 locations worldwide.

The 5-story, 52,000-square-foot building underwent a massive transformation inside and out. The call center now has a modern, open concept with an "industrial tech" feel. The fifth floor is dedicated as an employee break area with hangout space and gaming systems, as well as a rooftop deck with a view of the riverfront and downtown. The ground floor is mixed use and includes a Bar Louie restaurant, which has 110 locations across the country.



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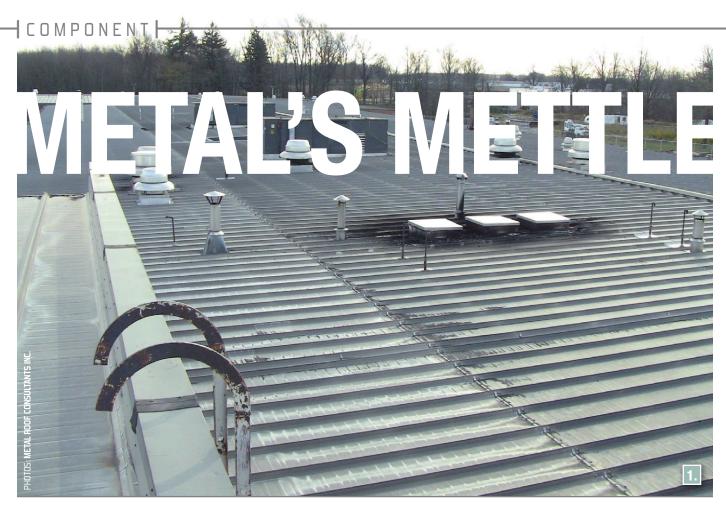




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# **CONSIDER STANDING-SEAM METAL** ROOFING WHEN SEEKING LONG-TERM PERFORMANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY

WRITTEN BY | CHUCK HOWARD, P.E.

n today's public conversations about how to properly reduce the country's growing infrastructure deficiencies, roads, bridges, dams, and water-treatment and sewage plants dominate the conversations. Less discussed, but equally important, infrastructure elements are the roofs on billions of square feet of public buildings throughout the U.S. Public buildings consist of K-12 schools; universities; community colleges; prisons; along with other federal-, state- and locally funded buildings.

According to current studies performed in North Carolina's public schools (K-12) and North Carolina state-owned facilities markets, the roof is equal to the HVAC

component as the largest unfunded need in building repair and/or replacement costs. (Read the report at bit.ly/2KKc3hU and download the webinar at bit. ly/2UoeZLK, respectively.) These infrastructure evaluation summaries are mirrored throughout the U.S. for public buildings. Per North Carolina and most states' general statutes, the roof is required to be designed, specified and installed in the most cost-efficient manner during the life of the structure. According to the Washington, D.C.-based U.S. Green Building Council LEED v4 for building design and construction, building components should last for 60 years or more. Some say this is the definition of sustainability.

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A METAL RETROFIT ROOF FOR WEST BRUNSWICK MIDDLE SCHOOL, PART OF BRUNSWICK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN NORTH CAROLINA, WAS COMPLETED IN 2016.

When considering a roof for a public building, a standing-seam metal roof should be considered as a possible choice.

### Strength and Durability

In 1988, representatives of Brunswick County School District in North Carolina decided to install sloped metal roofs over failing existing roofs. Three high schools, totaling more than 350,000 square feet, were covered. In the mid 1990s, two of the district's elementary schools received partial retrofit metal roofs. Starting in 2012, district representatives initiated a program to convert three middle schools and one elementary school from flat roofs to retrofit metal roofs. Added together, these roofs total more than 850,000 square feet.

In September 2018, Hurricane Florence dumped more than 40 inches of rain and initiated hurricane and gale-force winds during a four-day period in Brunswick County. All the retrofitted metal roofs withstood these extreme weather conditions without panel replacement or any major repairs. See Photo 3.

It must be noted that public metal properly designed or installed, any roof will fail during such extreme events. Because hurricane-like conditions are becoming more prevalent, new wind-design calculations are included in the current International Building Code (IBC), as well as local code supplements.

### **Convert a Flat Roof to Metal**

Any low-slope roof can be converted to metal, like the Brunswick County School District's roofs. In the early 1980s, the roofing industry developed a method for adding slope to an existing flat roof with a light-gauge framing system. This allowed existing buildings' flat roofs to be retrofitted with a new sloped metal roof.

One of the first large industrial applications of this metal retrofit method is shown in photos 4 through 6. In 1981, this Troy, Ohio, industrial facility's representatives converted a 102,000-square-foot plant and attached office to a 1/4-in-12 sloped metal roof using light-gauge framing and additional insulation. Photo 2 shows the same roof in 2001, 20 years later. At the writing of this article, the roof still is functioning and has needed no replacement or repair after 37 years of service.

Metal panels can be installed to a roof slope as low as 1/4-in-12, with the ability to obtain material warranties for the base Galvalume-coated metal materials for more than 20 years. In fact, based on a scientific evaluation of Galvalume metal roofs, the life expectancy of this roofing panel is well over 20 years. This was evaluated in a 2012 study sponsored by the Chicago-based Metal Construction Association and Zinc Aluminum Coaters Association, Olympia, Wash. The study included forensic tests at 14 existing Galvalume standing-seam metal roof sites around the U.S. with the average age of these roofs at more than 30 years at the time of testing.

The testing of these metal roofs, installed at slopes as low as 1/4-in-12, provided metallurgic results that proved these roofs will perform well over the 60 years expected by USGBC. (Access the study's full report at bit.ly/2Atltty.) Photo 1 shows a Galvalume metal roof that was part of the Galvalume study, installed at an industrial plant in Mansfield, Ohio. This roof had performed without repair or removal for more than 32 years at the time of the study.

The perception that metal roofs will

### ONE OF THE FIRST large

industrial applications of the metal retrofit method took place at an industrial facility in Troy, Ohio, in 1981. A 102,000-square-foot plant and attached office with a flat roof was converted to a 1/4-in-12 sloped metal roof using light-gauge framing and additional insulation.



roofs, as well as all other roof systems, must be designed by a licensed architect or engineer in the state where they are to be installed and installed properly by a qualified contractor. When these requirements are met, and the design professional monitors the actual construction of the roof, a metal roof can be expected to resist the forces of extreme weather, such as Hurricane Florence in North Carolina. Of course, not

only perform for about 20 years and they need to be sloped at 2- to 4-in-12 is not true. A properly designed and installed standingseam metal roof, whether new or retrofit, can be installed at IBC's minimum slope of 1/4-in-12 and is expected to last well over 60 years.

### **Existing Building Code**

Building codes are kind to metal roofing. For example, metal retrofit roofs that load the existing building structure with light-gauge steel framing are exempt from the requirement of removing the existing roofs. In the 2018 version of the Existing Building Code, in situations where there are two or more existing roof coverings, the existing roof coverings are to be removed prior to the installation of a new roof membrane with one exception: "Complete and separate roofing systems, such as standing-seam metal roof systems, that are designed to transmit the roof loads directly to the building's structural system and that do not rely on existing roofs and roof coverings for support, shall not require the removal of existing roof coverings." This exception language has been in all versions



of IBC since the first version in 1997.

In addition, because a metal retrofit system is considered a recovery roof, as opposed to a replacement roof, it is not required to include an upgrade of the insulation system to meet the current values established by the International Energy Code.

A RETROFIT METAL ROOF IN-STALLED IN 2014 AT NARROWS ELEMENTARY / MIDDLE SCHOOL, NARROWS, VA., HAS A 1/4-IN-12 SLOPE. THE EXISTING SCHOOL **BUILDING WAS CONSTRUCTED** WITH A FLAT ROOF IN 1932.







### **Consider Metal Roofing**

When considering the roofing portion of public building infrastructure, a standing-seam metal roof—when designed and installed properly—can span a 60-year timeframe. A life-cycle cost analysis demonstrates a metal roof's cost-effectiveness for all types of commercial and institutional buildings, including public schools, prisons, universities and other buildings funded with public money.

In addition, existing buildings' roofs needing replacement or recovery, which account for approximately 75 percent of all public buildings, can be fitted with this type of roof—no matter the slope—with an approach that has been in existence for almost 40 years. Therefore, whether the public building is just being built or is in need of a retrofit roof, a standing-seam metal roof should be considered.

AN ABANDONED HOSPITAL IN PEARISBURG, VA., WAS CONVERTED INTO A MODERN SHERIFF'S AND EMERGENCY SERVICES FACIL-ITY IN 2016. A METAL RETROFIT ROOF WAS INSTALLED ON THE BUILDING.



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t the corner of Camp and St. Joseph streets in New Orleans' eclectic downtown stands a 100,000-square-foot former warehouse building. Constructed in 1905 as the headquarters of K&B, a local drugstore chain, the building was donated to a passionate group of artists when K&B closed in the 1970s. The artists, who were intent on celebrating the growing trend of intertwining visual and performing arts, created the Contemporary Arts Center (CAC), a 501(c)(3)

organization that remains active today.

In addition to dedicating two floors and 10,000 square feet of the building to artists' bold experiments, CAC's education department engages more than 10,000 children and adults annually. This education and outreach offer students—most for the first time—the opportunity to work with established artists, cementing CAC's cultural significance in New Orleans.

The third and fourth floors of the CAC building, however, have always been underutilized. CAC representatives searched for years to find a way to generate a profit with the upper floors. In the fall of 2017, CAC completed a 40,000-square-foot renovation with local developer (and now tenant) the Domain Cos., transforming its third and fourth floors into an art-filled coworking space for a diverse group of creative professionals across a wide range of industries.

Designed by New Orleans-based Eskew+Dumez+Ripple Architects and constructed by Palmisano General Contractors,







1 To allow The Shop's users and Contemporary Arts Center patrons alike to enter the building through the main entrance at Camp Street, an existing 4-story atrium had to be uncovered, which maximizes daylight throughout the building. 234 Emerging from a 30-inch concrete podium, the ash-wood and steel staircase begins as a work surface, folding up to define an intimate meeting space beyond a wood screen. Moving upward, the bands of steel and wood thread into the treads of the stairs, passing through the fourth floor and bending to create an overhead trellis that defines a seating area.







To achieve the required fire separation between existing occupancy and the new office areas, 4 inches of concrete was laid over the wood floors on the third floor. The concrete then was polished, which complements the raw, industrial character of the space.

### ■ Retrofit Team

### ARCHITECT OF RECORD // Eskew+Dumez+Ripple,

New Orleans.

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also of New Orleans, the workspace includes 69 private offices, seven conference rooms equipped to meet today's tech demands, 15,000 square feet of amenity space known as The Commons and an intimate outdoor rooftop deck.

### The Creation of The Shop

CAC's third and fourth floors had been extended gallery space and an area for costume fabrication for New Orleans' once-booming film industry. The existing conditions of the third and fourth floors were what many designers hope to find when tasked with a renovation: exposed masonry walls; historic wood floors distressed from prior use; and warm, exposed heavy timber columns and beams. Despite the beautiful backdrop, to create the coworking space, the design team had to overcome several challenges.

To allow The Shop's users and CAC patrons alike to enter the building through the main entrance at Camp Street, an existing 4-story atrium had to be uncovered. Approximately 50 percent of the existing drywall separating the upper floors from the atrium was removed and replaced with a 10-foottall glass storefront, maximizing daylight through the building. An existing projection into the atrium was converted into a fourth-floor enclosed balcony that acts as an "outdoor" lounge and study.

Fire code required the team to separate the existing occupancy from the new office areas. The required fire separation was achieved by laying 4 inches of concrete over the existing wood floors on the third floor. The concrete then was polished, which complements the raw, industrial character of the space.

Connecting the two floors represented perhaps the greatest challenge, the solution of which led to the genesis of a significant unifying attribute: the feature stair. Elevator access had existed for all four floors; however, elevators are located in the lobby, and users would have to exit The Shop to enter the elevator. The design team created an openly communicating design with the feature stair.

Emerging from a 30-inch concrete podium, affording users an informal workspace and stage, the ash-wood and steel staircase is an organizing element in the space—programmatically and architecturally. It provides commons space and a central feature programmatically but also offers access between floors. A nod to the texture of the existing timber structure, the podium's rough board-formed finish is an elegant contrast to the smooth surface of the concrete floor.

Starting with the concrete slab, the stair begins as a work surface, folding up to define an intimate meeting space beyond a wood screen. Moving





The Shop includes 69 private offices, seven conference rooms equipped to meet today's tech demands, 15,000 square feet of amenity space known as The Commons and an intimate outdoor rooftop deck.









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### **Elements and Features**

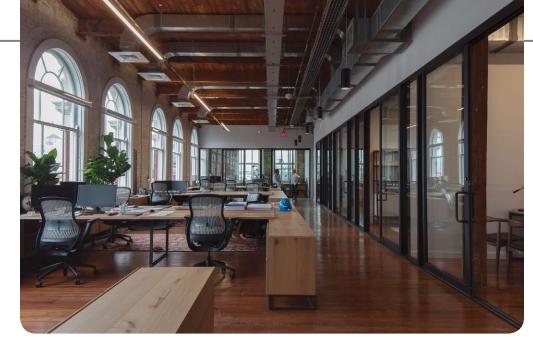
Like a painting, the ash-wood and steel staircase anchors The Shop. Equally important, however, are the surrounding elements and features. The space is organized with private offices located along the perimeter. The offices vary in size to accommodate fulltime tenant needs. (The Shop houses fulltime tenants with permanent space, in addition to its coworking space.) Windows between offices provide additional light and create a sense of an open plan while maintaining privacy and security. Additionally, shared amenities like the conference rooms and copy/print center are centrally located, thus alleviating wayfinding concerns. Eclectic graphic wallpaper, light fixtures, furniture and rugs were selected to reinforce the varied nature of the changing media on display in the galleries below.

The heart of The Shop is The Commons, an area on the third floor designed to facilitate conversation and connection. It boasts a full kitchen, beer and cold-brew coffee taps, and communal and recreational space. Comfortable lounge furniture was sourced from a variety of vendors and paired with vintage pieces to bring a living-room sensibility to an office setting. Hot desks that allow multiple workers to use the same workspace at different times and fixed banquettes accommodate diverse types of work. Lighting was organized to delineate a wide variety of seating experiences, in addition to accenting key features, like custom murals that were commissioned throughout the space. Local and national artists were brought in to adorn the walls with the goal of connecting the coworking tenants with the art community. Phone booths were placed on both floors and allow for private conversations and quiet workspace. Some phone booths feature countertops while others have lounge seats. [Editor's Note: Learn more about the trend of installing phone booths into open office designs in "Trend Alert", page 74.] Decorative sconces and graphic wallpaper create a welcoming, intimate atmosphere.

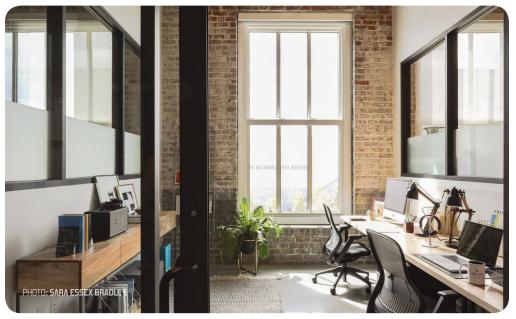
All these elements merge together to create what is holistically a unified endeavor in support of New Orleans' community. Diverse tenants now occupy the space, including several independent non-profits, an interior designer, law offices and artists. Residency at The Shop also offers users full membership to the CAC, which CAC representatives report they are keen to enjoy. In only a short time since opening, The Shop achieved its target goal of 100 percent occupancy.

Designed to facilitate conversation and connection, The Shop offers small businesses, entrepreneurs, and arts-based professionals the resources they require to grow and flourish. As CAC representatives hoped, The Shop has been a resounding success.

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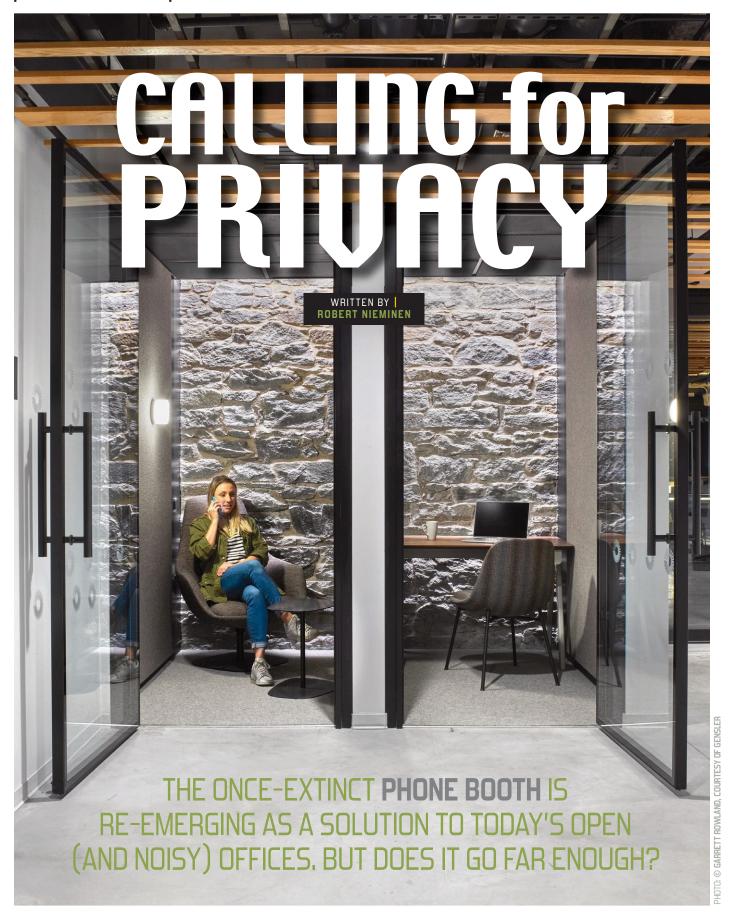






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lacksquare ince the advent of mobile phones, one of the most recognizable fixtures that has vanished from the landscape of our cities is the iconic phone booth. But with twothirds of the world's population (5 billion) connected by mobile devices in 2017—a figure expected to reach 75 percent by 2020 according to a Business Insider report who really needs an isolation booth to have a private phone conversation these days? Just about everyone, it turns out.





[1] Gensler created coworking space for Cherryduck Studios, London, and weaved the history of the building into the design elements, including the phone booths. [7] New York-based Hudson River Trading supports traders with comfortable and private phone booths.

Although the standalone public payphone may be virtually extinct, the phone booth as a quiet personal space is emerging as a viable solution for today's noisy workplaces. As reported in our January-February 2015 issue, page 68, or bit.ly/2SMQD7D, the now-ubiquitous open office plan is not without its drawbacks. Privacy and acoustic issues continue to plaque many workers who have, in some cases, resorted to rebuilding the proverbial cubicle wall with stacks of books or putting up the modern equivalent of a "do not disturb" sign: headphones.

As a result, design firms have been integrating a greater selection of workspace types and sizes—from the open benching desk systems to informal lounges and café spaces for collaboration, as well as a variety of conference rooms and private phone booths for more focused work—to give employees a greater sense of choice in where and how they spend their work days.

"What we're seeing now is more of a variety of types of spaces offered and a part of that is to include shared quiet and private spaces for people that

[ Privacy booths are utilized in United Technologies Digital Accelerator in Brooklyn, N.Y. work in open plans. This goes hand-in-hand with companies that are adopting a free-address type of work environment," says Maggie Willis, associate, CallisonRTKL, Washington, D.C. "The variety of spaces allows people to work where it suits the task they're doing that day better. That's kind of where things are going."

Jill Taylor, senior interior designer and associate at Eskew+Dumez+Ripple, New Orleans, agrees: "Clients are still asking for open office spaces even when their employees are pushing back a little bit, but what they are now providing—which they weren't before—is more choices of where you can get these private moments and where you can go to do your heads-down work. They're also providing more buffers between collaborative spaces and open workspaces."

What this shift points to is a needed clarification of the industry's understanding of the open plan concept as a whole, according to Amanda Carroll, workplace practice area leader and principal at Gensler, New York. "The degree of an open or enclosed plan environment in our research, we found, actually doesn't matter in terms of high-performance evaluation," she explains. "What matters more is the variety of choice the individual is given access to and the ability to self-author the





type of data they need to best support effective work and then the type of atmosphere that supports that mode or task they're trying to complete. If anything, we've seen a greater conversation about the intention, distribution and variety of enclosed spaces to complement the open plan."

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In response to the trend, a number of manufacturers have introduced a series of freestanding phone booths or privacy pods to help address the problems with the open plan office (see "Phone Booths for Your Next Project", page 77). Although these plug-and-play products appear to be the ideal solution for existing buildings and retrofitting scenarios, there are factors facility executives ought to consider for their particular situations.

#### The Benefits

Beyond the obvious cool throwback factor, these new phone booths offer exactly what they promise: a quiet space for muchneeded visual and acoustic privacy in open environments. Employees can quickly step into a booth to make a personal call or spend a few extra minutes to focus on an important e-mail or presentation without distractions. Anecdotal evidence shows they are utilized frequently, too.

New Orleans' Contemporary Arts Center features a coworking development known as The Shop. Eskew+Dumez+Ripple installed a bank of built-in phone booths within The Shop that is seeing a lot of traffic, according to Taylor. "Every time I go over to visit this space, at least two out of three booths are being used in any of the different spaces at any given time. I would say they're definitely successful," she says. [Read more about The Shop in "Transformation", page 68.] Taylor adds other clients also are requesting privacy pods for single and double occupants, especially in environments that lack a variety of different workspaces.

As businesses are increasingly required to adapt to change, Carroll says greater flexibility is required in the workplace—and detached privacy booths offer a great temporary solution. "A phone room that's a product that stands alone is a great option for an office where they've exceeded growth expectations and they need to do some things in the interim before they design the right space for the long term."

Willis characterizes these products as "a great solution for providing short-term privacy, which I think a lot of people are looking for now. They work in these open environments, and they don't have a place to take a personal phone call or just get away from the open plan. I think they solve that type of issue," she notes.

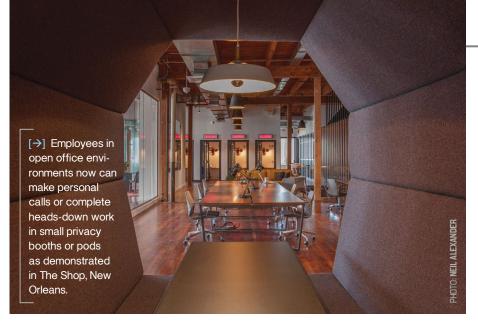
Additionally, many of these standalone phone booths can be retrofitted into existing buildings relatively easily. Taylor notes the pods her firm has designed or seen on the market are relatively small, ranging in footprints of just 4 feet by 4 feet or 5 feet by 5 feet. "You can tuck them in just about anywhere you have a little extra square footage, which is a good thing if you don't require a lot of space," she says. "Even the freestanding ones are even easier to just drop in where you have some open space, and then they become more of a [design] feature."

#### The Drawbacks

While prefabricated booths appear to be a very simple plug-and-play remedy for existing interiors, there are disadvantages to them, as well. These drawbacks can range from costs, code compliance, acoustics and ergonomics, depending on the make and model unit.

**COST.** Price is perhaps the biggest barrier to entry at the moment. A cursory search of freestanding privacy pods reveals prices ranging from approximately \$4,000 for single-occupant models to \$12,000 for multiple-occupant versions. Given that





multiple units are most often required, the initial investment can be a considerable one, especially for smaller companies.

**CODE COMPLIANCE**. Carroll and Willis note most standalone booths require a step up to enter them, which presents a challenge in terms of accessibility. Carroll says the booths "are generally so small they don't really accommodate any clearances for typical ADA criteria." In cases where

ADA-equivalent spaces are mandatory, built-in solutions that address these requirements may be the best option.

Additionally, Carroll points out some freestanding booths have integrated ventilation and sprinkler coverage, which makes for an easy installation and ensures a safe environment. However, "not all products out there call for that," she says. "There is a pretty broad deviation between vendors

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and different manufacturers relative to how integrated those solutions are and how fast they come online when they move into your space and at what expense."

- **ACOUSTICS.** Although various furniture solutions and privacy pods can play a role in mitigating unwanted noise in the workplace, "they're not going to solve all of the acoustic issues people might be having," Willis explains. In fact, Carroll emphasizes the need to conduct testing to determine their efficacy for acoustic privacy. "You're going to have perhaps even greater dissatisfaction if it's not delivering on the one key criterion that matters to the user, which is acoustic privacy, generally," Carroll says.
- **ERGONOMICS.** Generally speaking, freestanding or built-in phone booths are not designed for use over extended periods. Willis explains, "It's not something I would recommend to someone to go work in all day, unless you're going to be providing a sizable table and some sort of ergonomic chair." However, she points out most employers don't want people to overuse them,





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www.CxEnergy.com info@commissioning.org | 202.737.7775 so ergonomics isn't necessarily a required characteristic but a factor to consider. Educating people about the proper use of the booths is key, she adds.

#### Other Considerations

Ultimately, when a client requests privacy pods within a space, it's typically an indication there's a need within the environment that requires a solution—and phone booths may or may not be the answer. In Gensler's research, Carroll notes there is a strong distinction between a sense of perceived privacy and actual privacy. In other words, facility executives may want to consider other design and furniture solutions that would work as well as booths in certain cases and may come in at a lower price point.

"I'd say look at some of the products not necessarily providing complete privacy in an enclosed setting; look at other products where perceived privacy can be achieved and locate those items in a way that they have a really strong correlation to good daylight or views or a naturally quiet audible tone and experiment because space is at a premium and people's preferences change daily," she recommends. "The more you can find ways to create manipulatable, flexible solutions and respond to your users, you'll find there's even greater satisfaction because people feel like they're valued and they're being offered choice and variety and ways to really control their work experience—and that empowerment is key to a high-performance workspace."

That being said, if phone booths or similar privacy pods are the preferred solution, Carroll says co-locating them in clusters is a key factor in their effectiveness. The reason being is there's a higher probability of availability of an open booth when grouped together, which leads to greater utilization, assuming they are not set up on a reservation policy and are located within a reasonable proximity of users.

Additionally, from a design perspective, Willis suggests paying attention to ceiling heights; lower ceilings may give the appearance the booths are out of place or scale. "In a double-height space where you have high ceilings, they look really neat and almost like an architectural element, whereas somewhere you have lower ceilings, they may not have the same impact."

#### The Verdict

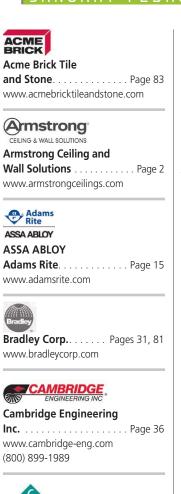
There's no question standalone phone booths offer an innovative and elegant solution to the challenges in many open plan workplaces—and it's a trend that likely isn't going away anytime soon. However, a one-size-fits-all or quick-fix approach to privacy and acoustics isn't the answer in the long run. Rather, it's about understanding the needs of end users and

providing a variety of spaces that support them. "If you have a ton of workstations and you just add two or three of these focus pods, I don't think that's necessarily going to solve the problem," Willis says. "It's about providing other types of spaces, providing huddle rooms or the adequate amount of meeting rooms so people aren't meeting at their desks and disturbing their neighbors."



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"Ware Malcomb was proud to partner with Pretend City to inspire the future generation of architects with this unique exhibit," says Jinger Tapia, Ware Malcomb principal of design. "It added a new dimension of summer fun for these kids."

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