USF Intercollegiate Athletic Facility

Tampa, FL

"Having recently completed our brand new state-of-the-art athletic training facility, we found their staff most knowledgeable in the area of constructing athletic facilities...As such they have my highest recommendation"

Jim Leavitt
Head Football Coach
University of South Florida

"This facility will greatly enhance the ability of our coaches to recruit top talent and provide the resources for us to field the best trained athletes and scholars to represent us."

Lee Roy Selmon
President
USF Foundation Partnership for Athletics

Project Summary

- Client
  USF Foundation

- Location
  12502 Bull Run Drive
  Tampa, FL

- Project Size
  2 Stories
  104,500 Square Feet

- Building Systems
  Structural precast concrete frame and integral colored exterior precast panels. Expansive use of glazing on the exterior for improved day lighting.

- Building Features
  Offices, study labs, locker rooms, multipurpose rooms, sports medicine and world class weight and cardio-training center. Team training areas equipped with video replay systems. The Hall of Fame showcases athletic accomplishments.

Project Highlights

When the University of South Florida entered the Big East Conference, it became clear that a training center focused on both the athletic and academic demands of this prestigious conference was necessary. In order to bring this project online, R.R. Simmons provided the University with a full GMP, including design documents, in a ninety day period. This early GMP allowed the USF Development Staff to move forward with their major gift program with a high degree of confidence. R.R. Simmons moved forward in advance of a formal notice to start to address changes in the student parking requirements. This work was accomplished in a dormant period where the interruption to the parking was minimized.

Adopting a commercial building approach to this University project provided USF with a number of substantial benefits. By segmenting the building shell construction from the interior fit out, the team was able to spend more time on creating the proper training environment for the student athletes and staff while moving rapidly forward on the building's primary components. Furthermore, the team made suggestions to provide greater long term flexibility to the interior layout should the needs of the center change over time. Conventional load bearing interior walls were replaced with metal stud framing so that re-configuration could be carried out should changes occur. This flexibility carried over to the HVAC systems and electrical infrastructure to maintain the future reconfiguration with greater ease.

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