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Alberta Health Services

kinetex Texile Composite Flooring





The Project

In support of increasing in-house services, Alberta Health Services' IT department determined a need for an additional 31,000 sq. ft. of space in Quarry Park near their existing IT office. The interior designer who worked with AHS on the existing IT office was engaged to incorporate the design solutions of the first IT space and to build on the lessons learned from using the space.

The Challenge

Through observation of the existing IT space in use and through meetings with the user groups, the design team determined three key challenges to be addressed in the build-out of new space – upgraded acoustical provisions were warranted; glare reduction was necessary; and, finishes for furniture, walls and floors needed to be durable and robust to accommodate the user groups' needs.







"Our J+J representative was very supportive of the Design Team and Client through arranging tours of Kinetex installations, delivering samples to and fro, and hosting a hands-on lunch and learn session on Kinetex with various Client groups."

Kirsten Janes DID, IDA, IDC, NCIDQ Principal Acorn Design Concepts

The Solution

All surfaces within the tenant fit-up were reviewed against the key challenges for suitability in meeting the user groups' needs within the project schedule and budget. Base building provisions addressed the challenges through the inclusion of upgraded acoustical ceiling tiles; indirect, diffused lighting; and, mesh roller blinds for reduced glare and control along all perimeter walls.

In-use flooring installations of Kinetex were reviewed along with technical specifications to observe Kinetex's ability vs. sheet goods or carpet tile to be supportive in addressing AHS's key challenges. Kinetex, in a "tetris" like pattern, was used to minimize glare and improve acoustics in areas typically finished with sheet goods; provided a durable surface in food use areas, in heavy rolling traffic areas; and, incorporated a finished surface that improved safety and infection prevention and control in food/ wet use areas. Within weeks of specifying the flooring, the field flooring – Kinetex Umbra Stripe – received a Gold Award in the "Flooring: Hard Surface" category of the 2015 Nightingale Awards for the very merits for which it was selected for this project.







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