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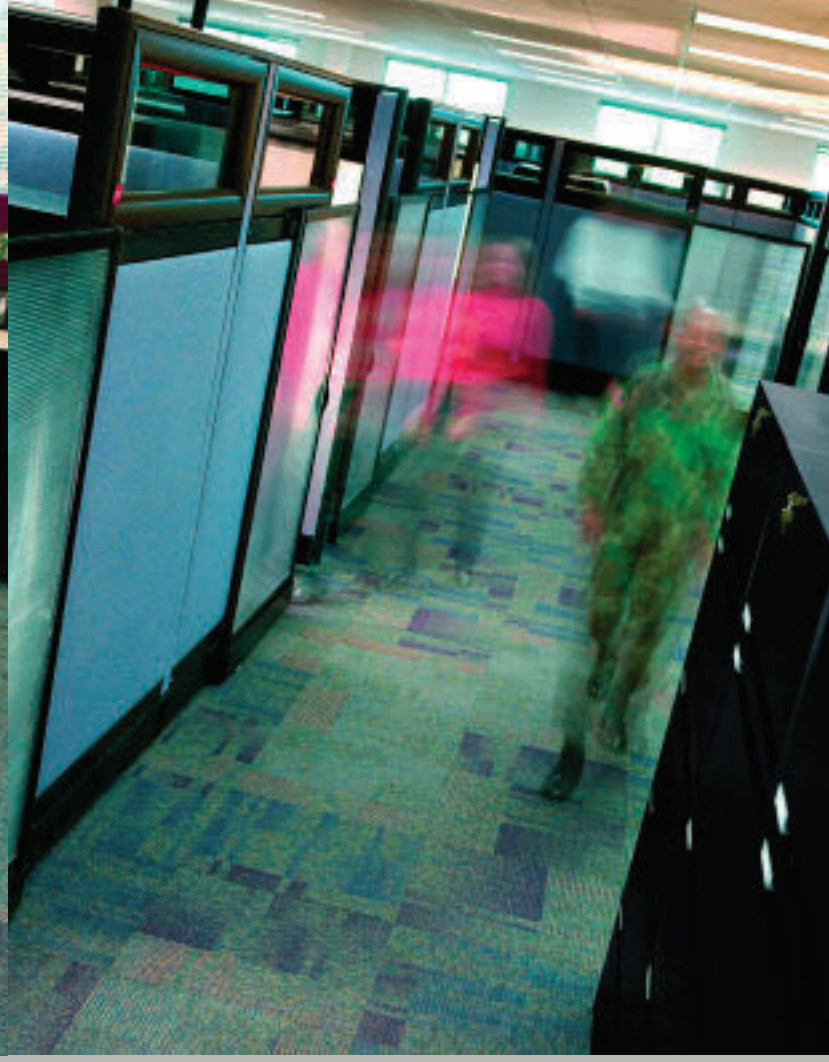
CASE STUDY NO. 8

US MARINE CORPS FACILITY

STAFFORD, VIRGINIA



"We placed a lot of demands on the group; we asked for a lot out of the products and the people. And they delivered. From sales to post-service, every aspect was excellent. It turned out so well for us. We're very happy. And everyone who enters the space comments on how professional it looks."
Mark Zimmerman-Relocation Project Manager, Joint Project Management Office-Individual Protection/Chemical-Biological Radiological Nuclear Defense-U.S. Marine Corps

COORDINATION & TEAMWORK ARE KEY

If researching and developing Marine Corps led Chem-Bio individual protection systems for the Joint Services is intense, consider designing the office that these men and women have to work in. It's a space that requires privacy due to the delicacy and intellectual involvement of the subject matter but it still needs to be comfortable and inviting in order to recruit the best and brightest people in the country to do such intense and strenuous work. Couple that with an extremely aggressive timeline. Then add the fact that the 18,000 square feet of Marine Corps space occupied the third floor - of a building that was still under construction with no working elevator. It could be overwhelming. But not for UNICOR.

"It took a lot of coordinating," states Stacey Dobrovolny, the designer on the project. "We had to stagger deliveries and installs, and even get a crane to lift product to the third story window. But we all worked as a team, from the salesperson to the factory project manager to the installers. It was a great team all the way around, and that's how we got it done."

FROM MANDATORY...TO PREFERRED

One of the main concepts driving the layout and design of the space was comfort. Light was a huge consideration. The previous office occupied by the Marine Corps group had little to no natural light, so they wanted some. Glass, and a lot of it, did the trick. Within the private offices, Genius Wall Systems, with a 30" panel of glass, let the natural light shine through into the cubicle area in the center of the room. Although per request, the cubicles had to have privacy panels, those panels were only 66" high. Everything above that was glass, allowing light to shine in freely and brilliantly.

Couple that free flowing light with comfort-oriented products like work service height power, ergonomically correct keyboard trays, and even cushioned box files that double as guest chairs, the folks at the Joint Project Management Office were outfitted with a facility conducive to ultimate comfort and therefore productivity.

The Marine Corps was excited about the design and choice of product to make that design complete, but it was the one stop-shopping concept that was most impressive, according to Mark Zimmerman, Relocation Project Manager. From initial sales call to post installation service and everything in between, UNICOR did it all. “It offered us a huge advantage,” Mr. Zimmerman remarks. “Anytime you can use integrated services, it makes it simpler. We even had help with the refrigerators and coffee pots through the inter-agency group.”

The OFFICE FURNITURE GROUP

PROJECT FACTS

New Construction, Third Floor

18,000 square feet

96 workstations, 19 private offices, 2 conference rooms,

gym, break room, shower room

Crescendo, Bravo, Baritone, Opus Files, Nesting Tables, Genius Wall,

CXO Seating, Torsion-On-The Go! Chairs

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