

Chong Partners Architecture

BACKGROUND

Chong Partners Architecture provides planning, architectural and interior design services to clients in the healthcare, education and institutional markets. Chong Partners Architecture experienced remarkable growth which led them to search out a new headquarters location with 43,000 sf of space. Upon securing the new location, Chong Partners went about designing a modern, light-filled space that would foster collaboration among staff and clients.

DESIGN GOAL

Chong Partners called upon CompView to design and install audio-visual systems that would improve communication among employees and partners worldwide. With offices in San Francisco, London, Sacramento and San Diego, and partner firms located throughout Europe and the United States, it was critical to have regular face-to-face meetings to keep projects on schedule. CompView worked with the client to install audio-visual systems that would be hidden from view when not in use, preserving the integrity of the space created by the architects/owners, without compromising their ability to share information as though they were in the same room.

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FUNCTIONALITY HIGHLIGHTS

- Retractable ceiling lifts for the projectors and drop-down electric screen so they can be hidden from view when not in use
- Dual projector configuration for simultaneous viewing of different source material
- Unified remote control system for ease of use
- Shared access by multiple rooms to a single videoconferencing codec

The installed A/V systems provide Chong Partners with the ability to hold productive and effective meetings on-site as well as across the world via videoconferencing without interfering with the openness of the office space design.



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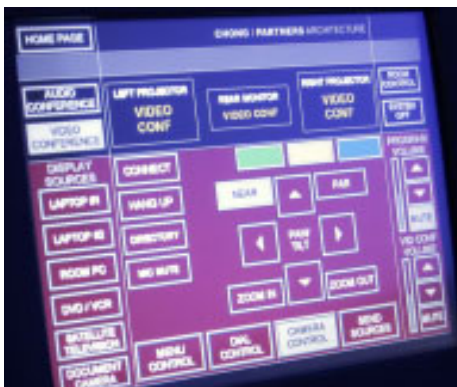
SOLUTION

CompView installed systems in a training room and two conference rooms in the new headquarters location. These spaces would be used for one-on-one and group meetings, audio/video presentations and production of digital and hard-copy plans, drawings and images; building models and text materials. In each of the conference rooms, CompView installed two projectors in retractable ceiling lifts. The dual-projector configuration provides two high-resolution displays side-by-side; one to display content from computer, document camera or video sources, and the second to show a large, clear image of the people on the far end of the video call. When in use, the projectors drop out of the ceiling and display on to a single 16x6 aspect ratio electric screen. When not in use, the screen and projectors disappear into the ceiling. The only part of the system that is visible when not in use is the wireless LCD touchpanel for the unified remote control system.

In an effort to keep the costs down on the system, and meet an aggressive budget, CompView installed one owner-furnished

Tandberg 6000 rack-mountable codec in the client's server room. CompView leveraged the capabilities of the unified remote control systems in each conference room to communicate with the shared codec in the server room for videoconferences. By sharing the codec between two rooms, the customer saved on the cost of an additional piece of equipment, without giving up any functionality.

The main purpose of the training room was to provide the ability to present to large groups of people within the San Francisco office. This room was designed to provide flexibility to the presenters to use images from a dedicated PC, laptop computer, Satellite TV, DVD and VCR, and allow for the addition of video and audio-teleconferencing capability at a later date. These input sources are all sent to a projector installed in the ceiling. The training room is visible from the lobby and in order to maintain the clean sightline from the lobby to the projection screen, the projector was mounted above the ceiling in a soffit to hide the projector from view at all times.



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