

PROJECT PROFILE

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Ecotrust

Ease of use and multi-functional. This is what Ecotrust wanted in an audio-visual system for their new Natural Capital Center conference room. Ecotrust is a non-profit environmental organization that took on the redevelopment of a historic warehouse in Portland, OR to create a vibrant gathering place for environmentally and socially responsible ideas, goods and services. Unique design challenges were presented with this conference room project – how to create the right room to match the technology needs and core values of Ecotrust while working within the historic building architecture. In addition to using the room for staff and business meetings, Ecotrust anticipated renting the room to corporate, business and non-profit agency customers. Because of this, ease of use was key. The room was to be highly functional and support a varying array of audio-visual requirements while having all systems able to be controlled by employees as well as non-audio professional individuals who might be renting the room. All of this needed to be incorporated into the unique warehouse feel of the building without detracting from the historic architecture.

Being a historical warehouse, the conference room area has very unique architecture. It has an open beam ceiling structure, large windows along one wall, and the room can be divided by moving the

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recycled metal sliding doors to create two unique meeting spaces. To address projection needs, an XGA projector was mounted to one of the ceiling beams and projects onto a ceiling mounted tensioned electronic screen. The electronic screen can be operated by using a wall switch or through an AMX wireless touch panel control system. An equipment rack hidden behind sliding doors houses a VCR, DVD player, CD/Cassette player, audio mixer and a PC. Auxiliary input connections are also available for additional devices that may be needed by other users of the system. Data inputs can be found behind the lectern located at the front of the room or by using the PC included in the equipment rack. Using the wireless touch panel, a user can operate any system in the room as well as control the lighting levels.

Speakers were strategically placed throughout the room space to allow for different audio zones. When the room is divided into two unique meeting spaces by the sliding metal doors, the audio can be eliminated or turned down in the smaller room. The audio system also includes a Shure Microphone system consisting of both a handheld and lavalier microphone with two UHF wireless microphone receivers. A hardwired microphone is also available at the lectern located at the front of the room.

The completed room provides Ecotrust with a highly functional space that supports a wide range of audio-visual requirements enabling Ecotrust to meet the needs of their organization as well as the needs of those renting the space.



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