STUDENT LIFE & ACADEMICS
UNDER 5,000 SQ.FT.

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PROJECT TITLE: Animal Science Complex – Grad Office Upgrades
SQUARE FOOTAGE: 1,200 sq. ft.
PROJECT BUDGET: $115,000
DID YOU WORK WITH AN OUTSIDE FIRM OR CONSULTANT? IF YES, LIST COMPANY NAME: N/A – In House by Facilities & Services

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Our Animal Science Complex, built in 1977, is home to our Animal Science department and is utilized mainly as laboratory and lecture space. An Animal Science Arena that hosts livestock judging and other special events is also attached to the building. Two interior rooms on the second floor are dedicated to the department's graduate students: providing them a semi-private space to work/research. The existing aesthetic of the grad offices told the tale that neither of these rooms had been updated since the building's conception. Our Facilities & Services department received the request to make both grad offices more functional, modern, and inviting and in less than 3 months' time (summer 2023).

In its former state, the space felt very restricted and inaccessible with outdated modular laminate panels as workstation dividers. All power was located on the floor, in brass receptacle boxes, surrounded by VCT. Over the years, the VCT waxing process had made these units almost impossible to operate. The lighting was fluorescent, with many bulbs removed to accommodate dimmer lighting. The desks and chairs were an eclectic mix of unwanted surplus items. The department's budget was $115,000.

First, we addressed the existing flooring, removing the vinyl composite tile. These graduate students split their time between desk work and time on our research farms. Knowing that dirt and debris would be tracked into this space, it was an obvious choice to select TARKETT PowerBond. This was a hard sell and a tough conversation with the end user, but worth it, because it immediately invited color and comfort into these rooms. We left one electrical floor box in each space so that we could power new modular workstations easily and in a hidden manner. We also added wall receptacles so that perimeter workstations were powered as well.

With the tight project timeline, design happened rapidly so our school colors were an easy selection to incorporate. This building is quite outdated and opposite our freshly renovated campus buildings, embracing its roots in cultivation and agriculture, so it was exciting to 'brand" a space that's hidden on the 2nd floor, it's like a surprise when you open the door. By downsizing each workstation slightly, we simultaneously fit more graduate students in each room and made the space feel larger and more accessible. Color and texture were incorporated through paint, furniture & flooring. And dimmable LED lighting also modernized the space.

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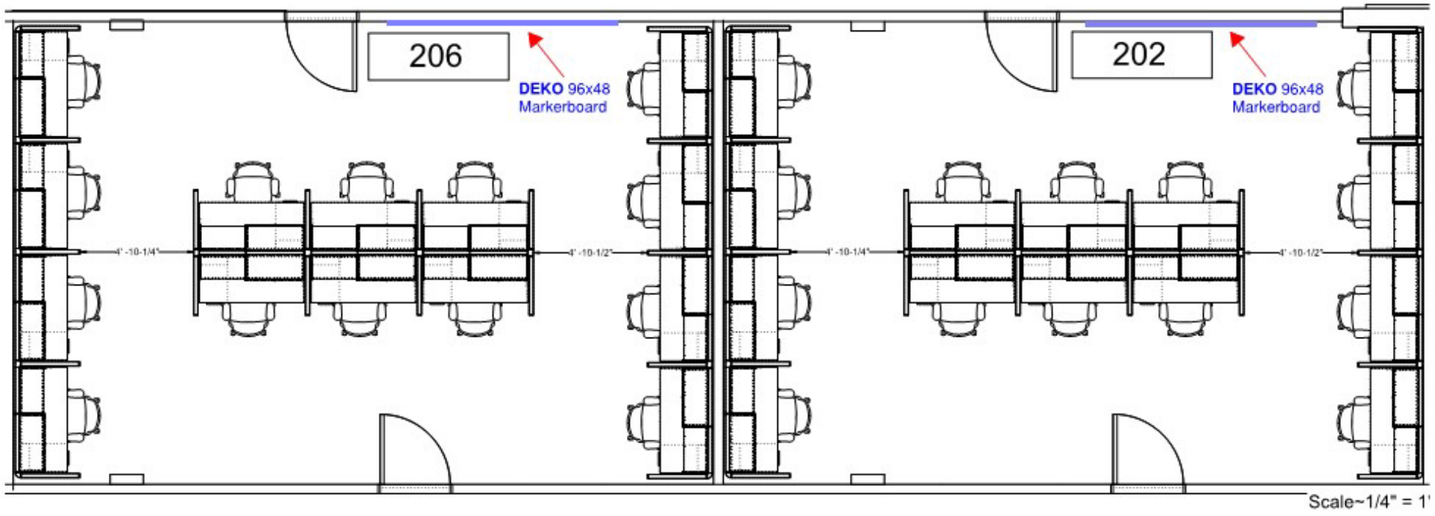
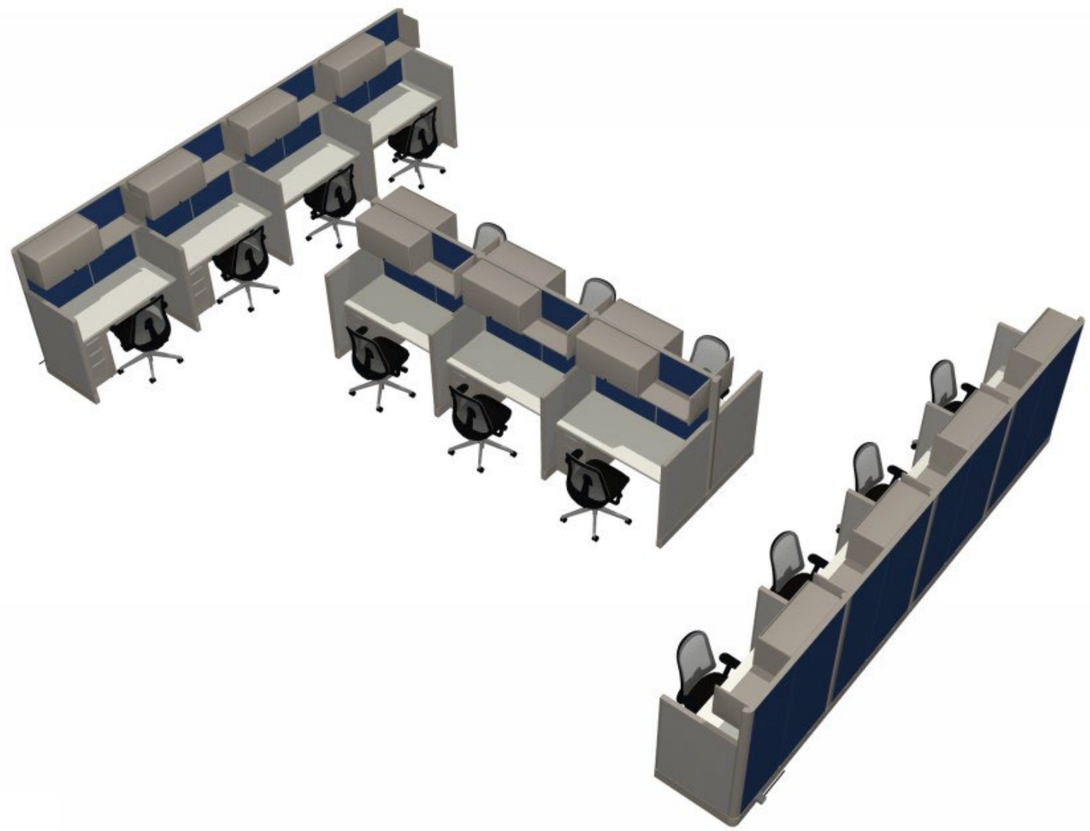
PORTION OF PROJECT DESIGNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- PROGRAMMING
- BUDGET PREPARATION
- BUDGET MANAGEMENT
- SPACE PLANNING FURNITURE LAYOUT
- FURNITURE SPECIFICATION
- FINISH SPECIFICATION
- GENERAL LIGHTING SPECIFICATION
- WALL TREATMENT
- CEILING TREATMENT
- GENERAL SIGNAGE
- PROJECT COORDINATION AND REVIEW





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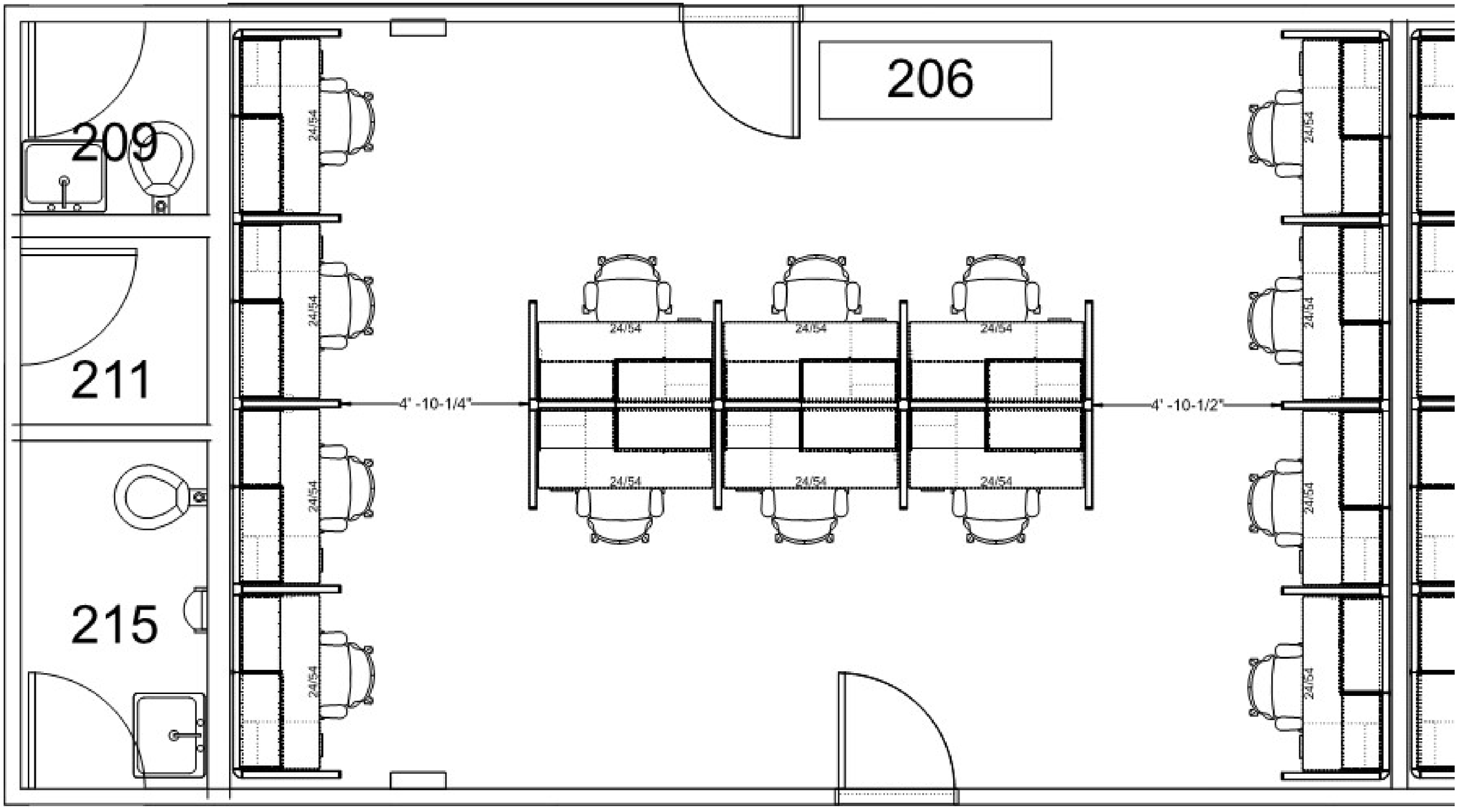

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