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Environments at Work completes furnishings for Brown University

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Environments at Work recently completed furniture design and installation for Brown University's Science Center, a series of meeting rooms and offices on the third floor of the Sciences Library at 201 Thayer St. The project includes a large meeting room; six study rooms; three offices for graduate assistants, the library director and the assistant library director; and common space.

"The goal of the project was to foster interaction and the small group study work that is so important to the scientific discovery process," said Joanna Saltonstall, program manager, design and construction for Brown University. "Environments at Work was able to recommend furnishings that met our goals for flexible and interactive work space, and had an admirable sustainable profile as well."

The solution features Haworth Planes tables with voice/data/electrical access for audio and video together with Zody task chairs, X99 seminar chairs and Very side chairs in a vibrant palette of seating fabrics. The Zody chair is highly-recyclable and Green Guard-certified. Bamboo sliding doors enclose the large meeting room, which is organized with tables that can be broken apart to create flexible seating arrangements.

The smaller study areas accommodate 6-12 people who can work in a wide variety of configurations. To support creative thinking, the color palette includes greens and oranges for wall paint colors, with complementary fabrics in bright green and rust.

Environments at Work collaborated with Brown University and interior architect Bergmeyer Associates, Inc. of Boston to develop specifications that met the aesthetic, functional and sustainable goals for the project. Shawmut Construction was the general contractor.

"The new Science Center is a hub of innovation and discovery," said Charlie Driscoll, account manager for Environments at Work. "Using the Haworth line to create a flexible framework for interaction is a great example of Brown's leadership in finding new ways to approach scientific discourse."

The Sciences Library holds materials that support study and research in the fields of Medicine, Psychology, Neural Science, Environmental Science, Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Physics, Engineering, Computer Science, and Pure and Applied Mathematics, and provides a wide range of services to the staff, students and faculty of Brown University.

About Environments at Work

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