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Tocci Building completes office renovation to Universal Window & Door

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Tocci Building Companies completed an office renovation for Universal Window & Door (Universal). Tocci worked with Ganek Architects, Inc. (Ganek) to complete the occupied renovation over a five-month period. The upgraded office space modernizes Universal's work environment and fosters increased employee collaboration and productivity. A key to the project was Tocci's phased construction strategy that allowed Universal to maintain full operation during construction - including manufacturing, sales, and management.

"Our old office space was outdated and did not project the professional atmosphere we wanted for our employees and clients." said Charlotte Broussard, owner and chairman at Universal Window & Door.

"With Tocci's guidance, the newly renovated space allows us to better promote our product line and is well-suited for bringing in potential clients to collaborate on project details and solutions."

Tocci supervised and managed the demolition and renovation of four distinct areas of construction: the employee cafeteria, shop bathrooms, sales & estimating office, and management office. Universal, Ganek, and Tocci collaborated to reconfigure the cafeteria, improving the flow of employees through the space while accommodating both food preparation and employee seating. The office renovation created an open and professional space with raised ceilings and increased natural light. The overall effect is a dramatic improvement, yielding a pronounced and positive statement about Universal.

The Tocci, Ganek, and Universal team tapped into their existing working relationship to resolve issues that arose from unforeseen conditions. For example, during the first phase of construction, Tocci discovered a terra-cotta partition severely compromised due to settlement. Tocci and Ganek developed several options and moved forward with the resolution, incurring minimal impact to the overall budget.

"Collaboration and cooperation between Tocci, Ganek, and Universal really contributed to the success of this project," said Tony Sandonato, executive vice president at Tocci. "Continuous communication ensured that the team was able to overcome challenges and meet the client's need while successfully completing the project on schedule."

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