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Margulies Perruzzi Architects designs 52,000 s/f office for Intralinks

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Margulies Perruzzi Architects (MPA), has completed the interior architectural design of a new 52,000 s/f office for Intralinks, a global software company providing content management and collaboration solutions for businesses. Intralinks' new class A office is located at 404 Wyman St. in the Hobbs Brook Office Park owned by Hobbs Brook Management.

Majestic Construction was the construction manager for the project. AHA Consulting Engineers provided mechanical, electrical, and plumbing engineering, and Fox RPM Corp. provided project management services. Creative Office Pavilion provided furniture, and Sunne Savage Gallery provided artwork.

Making the move to consolidate offices in the Boston area, Intralinks sought a more efficient and branded work environment for its growing area workforce. MPA conducted several test fits to compare building efficiencies before providing programming and design services for the location. The single-floor space at 404 Wyman St. provides a variety of work environments including offices, workstations, team, huddle, and phone rooms. True to the principles of Agile design, MPA's space plan offers maximum flexibility in infrastructure, furniture, and technology that allows for reconfiguration to suit the collaborative nature of software development.

Using key design elements of Agile space solutions based on Agile software development methodologies, spacious and innovative agile team rooms were designed to promote close, daily collaboration with enhanced technology access for teams for the duration of their projects.

MPA created a series of generously sized team rooms with movable bench seating for individual work and team meetings, wall-to-wall and floor-to-ceiling glass whiteboards for project status lists and problem solving, and programmable lighting to suit the needs of the team. Each room can accommodate 10-14 people with additional tables and seating and a wall of cushioned topped storage cabinets for visitors. Each room is also equipped with a mobile monitor used to share information with the group directly or to consult with members in one of their other global offices. Four of the 8 rooms expand with whiteboard covered moveable walls to accommodate larger teams, if needed. To address the limited window walls in the floor plan, transom windows above the doors bring natural light into the team rooms. Huddle rooms and phone rooms are available throughout the space for smaller group discussion when needed. The space also includes various sized conference rooms, a recreation room, and a large break room.

MPA looked to Intralinks' recently re-branded color palette as a source of inspiration, using warm gray and charcoal as a base and pops of color for wayfinding and focal points throughout the office. MPA worked with Intralinks to recommend various locations to incorporate the company's messaging using full wall graphics, and worked with art consultant Christina Godfrey to select pieces and locations for art throughout the space for a museum-like feel.

