



Avail-TVN

Design-build company R Porch Construction completes new space for Avail-TVN

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Digital media company Avail-TVN had big ambitions, and it was achieving them — fast. With its success came company growth, and with company growth came a need for new office and warehouse space.

"Our number one goal was to greatly improve our overall office space and work environment for our people," says Mike Kazmier, Chief Technology Officer at Avail-TVN.

"We've grown quite a bit over the last four or five years, and it was important to me that we invested in our people."

With this goal in mind, Mike turned to Roger Porch, head of R Porch Construction. Mike brought Avail-TVN's vision, Roger brought extensive experience in the design-build industry and this past September, work on the new building was begun.

"I really enjoyed working with the folks at Avail-TVN," says Roger. "Initially, Mike

and I spent quite a bit of time working on the building design itself, making revisions as the company's needs changed over time. Like all design processes, our initial concept had changed by the time actual construction began; we had to be fluid enough to work with and incorporate each of these changes, and our design capabilities allowed us to do just that."

R Porch Construction used computer modeling techniques to create a 3D rendering of the proposed Avail-TVN building, a step that Mike says was incredibly beneficial to the planning process.

"Having the ability to look at a 3D layout was huge, especially since we changed the layout a couple of times. We didn't have to use an external architectural firm, which really gave us the most 'bang for our buck,'" he says.

On the subject of bucks, R Porch had to be especially mindful of Avail-TVN's expenses, because "[Just] as every company does, we had budget restraints, and Roger was great about helping us to invest in the right areas of the project," explains Mike.

In addition to its budget, "[Avail-TVN] was on a critical timeline; once they shut down their previous location we had to be ready to go online immediately," says Roger, who notes that, "We did have to navigate some delivery challenges — there were some parts and pieces that didn't arrive when they should have, but we were able to do temporary electrical work to get them up and running on time."

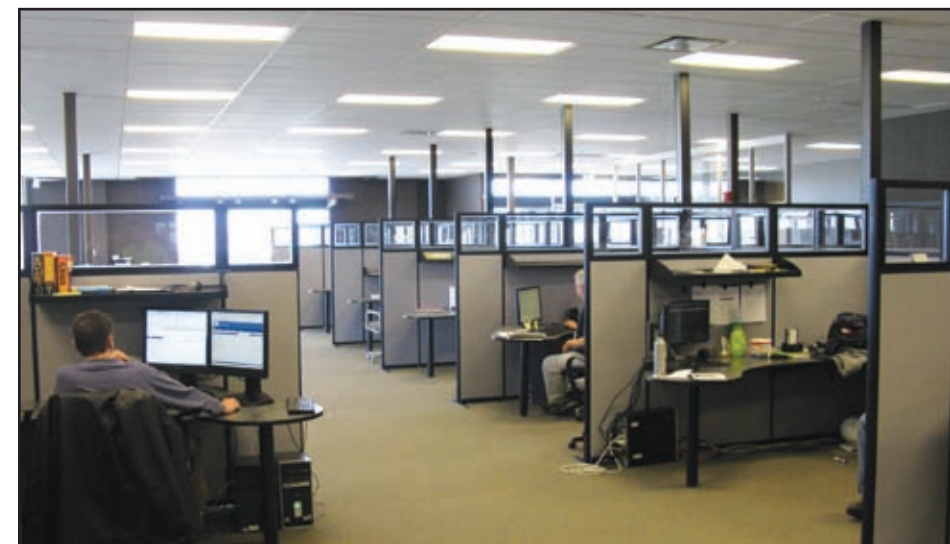
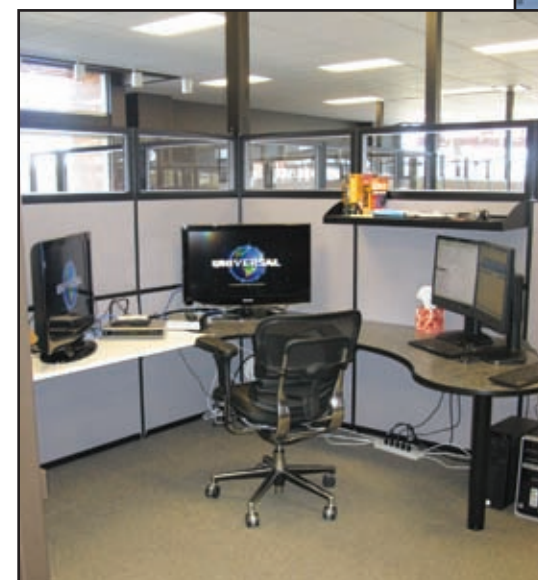
Avail-TVN operates on and revolves around a wide range of different technologies, and the R Porch crew completed all of its data wiring, installing more than 50,000 feet of network cabling and a number of large satellite dishes.

The office's design is "interesting and challenging," says Roger, and at its heart sits what could be considered the building's proudest feature: a data center, visible from the beautiful new conference room.

"The new data center is a formal, true data center —not just a converted office—that helps our overall functionality and productivity," explains Mike.

"[Avail-TVN] is a high-tech company, and we wanted to show off the research and development they do here," says Roger, who goes on to say that "Typically

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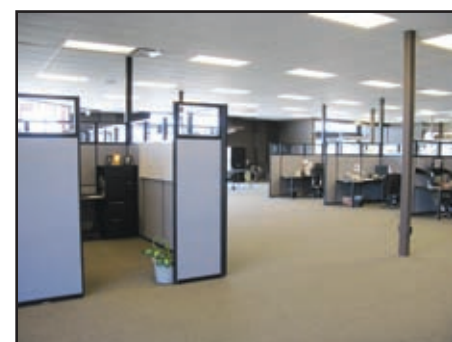
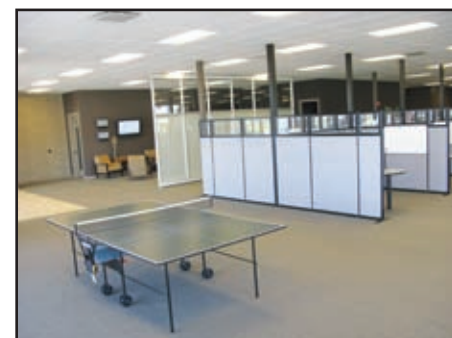
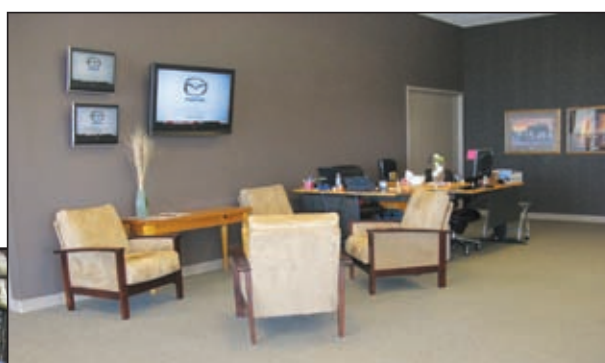
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a data center is a hidden thing, but we really put a lot of effort into making it look attractive enough to spotlight.”

“Overall, the construction of our new building went very smoothly,” says Mike. “Roger’s crew is talented and they’ve got a wide range of different skill sets. He’s timely, pays incredible attention to detail and was the first one to jump in on every aspect of the project ... Roger was absolutely great to work with, and another thing I would add is that he always answers his phone. Whenever we had questions, no matter what time of day it was, he always picked up the phone ready to help — that was a huge thing for me.”

For Roger, who enjoys working in the technology field, “It was so fun to work on a different project that was also exciting for the valley. It’s a positive project that has and will create jobs and provide a good business model for the Flathead Valley.”



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