



USF Intercollegiate Athletic Facility

Public Sector - Special Use

Tampa, FL



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When the University of South Florida entered the Big East Conference, it became clear that a training center focused on both the athletic and academic demands of this prestigious conference was necessary. The Design/Build Team of R.R. Simmons worked diligently to design and construct a center of excellence for USF.

In order to bring this project online, R.R. Simmons provided the University with a full GMP, including design documents, in a ninety day period. This early GMP allowed the USF Development Staff to move forward with their major gift program with a high degree of confidence. R.R. Simmons moved forward in advance of a formal notice to start to address changes in the student parking requirements. This work was accomplished in a dormant period where the interruption to the parking was minimized.

Adopting a commercial building approach to this University project provided USF with a number of substantial benefits. By segmenting the building shell construction from the interior fit out, the team was able to spend more time on creating the proper training environment for the student athletes and staff while moving rapidly forward on the building's primary components. Furthermore, the team made suggestions to provide greater long term flexibility to the interior layout should the needs of the center change over time. Conventional load bearing interior walls were replaced with metal stud framing so that re-configuration could be carried out should changes occur. This flexibility carried over to the HVAC systems and electrical infrastructure to maintain the future reconfiguration with greater ease.

The R.R. Simmons Design/Build Team maintained open lines of communication with the University's leadership so that the project budget always reflected the highest and best use of the limited funds. Special accounting practices were implemented to address the sales tax exemptions available to the University.



Project Summary

- **Client**
University of South Florida Foundation
- **Location**
12502 USF Bull Run Drive, Tampa, FL
- **Delivery System**
Design/Build
- **Project Size & Type**
2 Stories / 104,500 sf Athletic Training Facility
- **Building System**
Structural precast concrete frame and integral colored exterior precast panels. Expansive use of glazing on the exterior for improved day lighting.
- **Special Features**
Offices, study labs, locker rooms, multipurpose rooms, sports medicine, and a world class weight and cardio-training center. Large team training areas equipped with video replay systems. The Hall of Fame showcases athletic accomplishments.