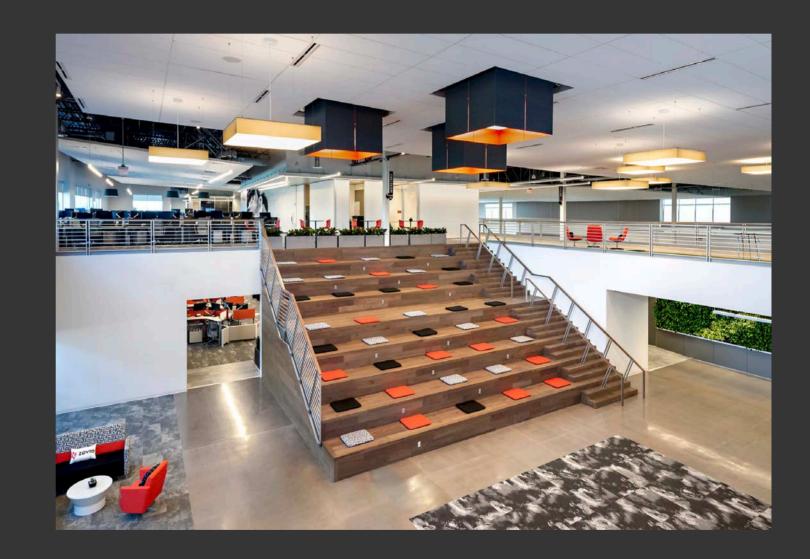
Zovio HQ

Educational Technology Services Organization 130,000 SF New Build Chandler, Arizona



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Project: Zovio Headquarters

Completed: 2020

Location: Chandler, AZ

Specifier: McCarthy Nordburg (Final Photo Credit: Michael Duerinckx)

Project Overview

My Role - Project Manager

Zovio is an education technology services company that partners with hire education institutions and employers to deliver innovative, personalized learning solutions. The new 130,000 sqft corporate headquarters in Chandler, AZ is intended to reflect a residential and commercial aesthetic, along with subtle elements of biophilic design. The specifiers also sought out LightArt to create lighting solutions that would align with brand colors, provide acoustical and decorative light, and implement an artistic touch in a mobile representative of the Zovio logo.

The project was 3 phases, had 2 specifying teams Arizona and California, manufactured in LightArt's Seattle and Salt Lake City locations, so in managing this project it was necessary to pay close attention to detail and take a leading role on design and design solutions.

In the end the project was a huge success, I was able to create a sales pitch presentation and introduce more LightArt fixtures on the project, let to finalizing the R+D on a new acoustic product offering, and finally created a more profitable overall project for LightArt.



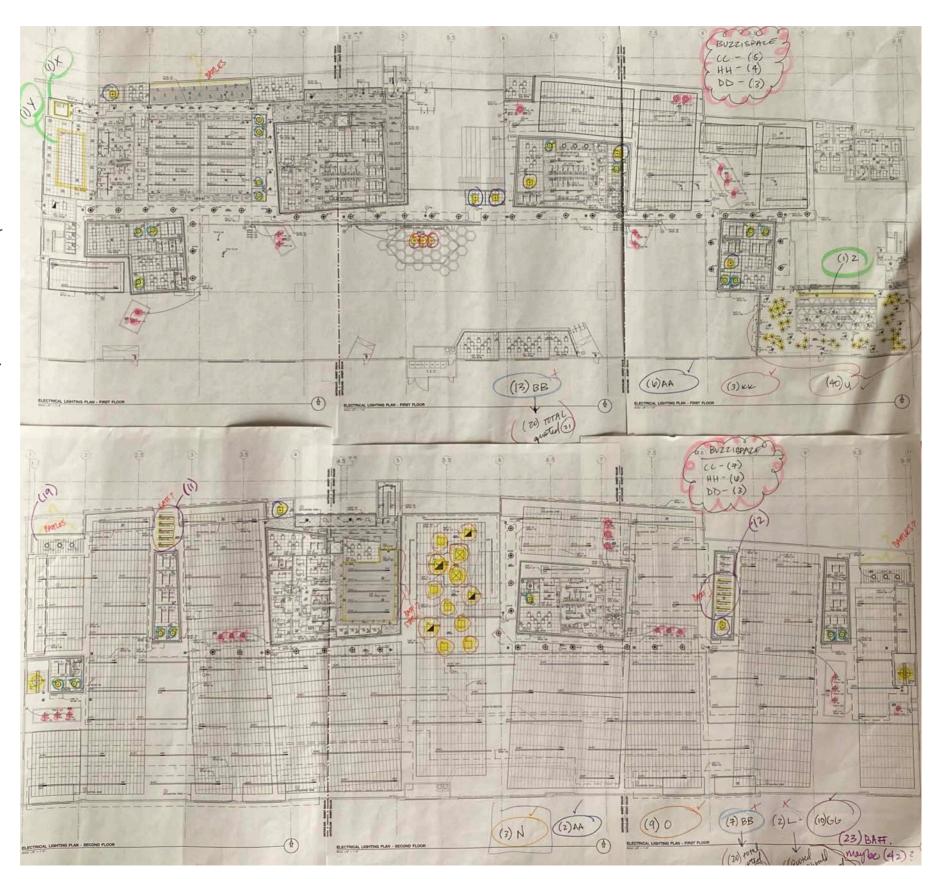


Obstacles

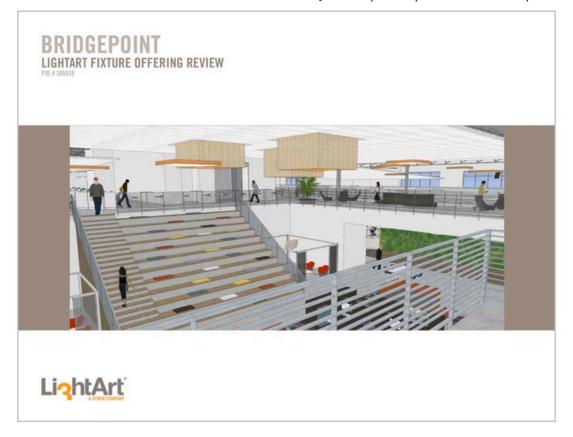
This project was an exciting and large opportunity for LightArt to produce a variety of products all installed in one project location.

When the project came across my desk for bid quotes, I knew I had a handful of work ahead of me. In the quoting stage alone, I went tooth and nail through the project plans to verify against the counts and fixture schedule each bidder provided me. When seeking clarification I realized that this project had both Arizona and California specifying teams, so I would need to bridge communication between those two teams and then the to LightArt territory specific sales reps.

The California specifying design director, let us know she would be in town and wanted to view the LightArt studio. So I took initiative in realizing that a competitor lighting firm had acoustical products on the project that could be pitched and swapped out with LightArt fixtures. I also laid the groundwork for presenting the questions I would be seeking, when I heard they were potentially interested in a mobile solution that would represent the Zovio logo.



Below - Below a few of the slides from my sales pitch, product review presentation. (You can view the entire presentation under the slides on this project portfolio page.)



REVIEW OF RCP + FIXTURE COUNT

1ST FLOOR

TYPE // QUANTITY // FIXTURE NAME // DIMENSIONS

U - (40) - ECHO Pendants 47"dia, 8-Fin (various grids) - 47"dia x 14"H

Z - (1) - LA2 Connected Linear Configuration - 6"D x 32'6"L x 8"H

AA - (6) - I/O BOX - 36" x 36" x 12"H

BB - (13) - LA2 ONE Medium - 30" x 12"H

KK - (3) - *Need more details (LA2 ONE Medium specified but dimensions match I/O

Drum 48 - 48"dia x 12"H)

BUZZISPACE FIXTURES > LIGHTART ALTERNATE OPTIONS

TYPE // QUANTITY // FIXTURE NAME // DIMENSIONS

CC - (5) - Buzzishade Pendant Medium - 24"dia

DD - (3) - Buzzishade Pendant Large - 44"dia

HH - (4) - Buzzijet Pendant Medium - TBD

Seeking Clarification...

1st floor NW Room, long and linear, with all of the R-Type Fixtures:

- Are fixtures LightArt Static Baffles to be specified and quoted?

2ND FLOOR

TYPE // QUANTITY // FIXTURE NAME // DIMENSIONS

L - (2) - Ribbon Clouds - 48"dia

N - (3) - I/O Box - 60" x 60" x X"H (TBD)

0 - (9) - LA2 TWO Large - 48" x 48" x 12"H

AA - (2) - I/O BOX - 36" x 36" x 12"H

BB - (7) - LA2 ONE Medium - 30" x 12"H

GG - (10) - Static 8ft Beams - 96"L x 16"H x 4"D

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CC - (7) - Buzzishade Pendant Medium - 24"dia

DD - (3) - Buzzishade Pendant Large - 44"dia

HH - (6) - Buzzijet Pendant Medium - TBD

Seeking Clarification...

2nd floor NW Room, with FF-Type fixtures + (2) Rooms with GG-Type fixtures:

- Are fixtures LightArt Static Baffles to be specified and quoted? Approx. (42) qty
- War Room How many Static Beams (Lit) + Static Unlit Baffles specified?

LIGHTART MOBILE

LOCATION IN REFLECTED CEILING PLAN

- 1st or 2nd floor, which Phase in project: 1, 2, or 3
- DIMENSIONS
- Hanging length

- Width and Depth of area space to be filled CEILING CONDITIONS

- Can 1/4-20 threaded rod be installed for mobile hardware to connect to ceiling? CONCEPT
- Do you have inspiration images?
- Color(s) material desired?
- Shape + size of Varia mobile pieces?





NEW! ACOUSTIC CONICAL PENDANTS

DOUBLE WALL FELT PENDANTS

STYLEA

36"dia (bottom) x 18"H - \$1.925 ea.

32"dia (bottom) x 20"H - \$1,825 ea.

*Suggested alternative in Cafe area or as Buzzispace fixture alternative.





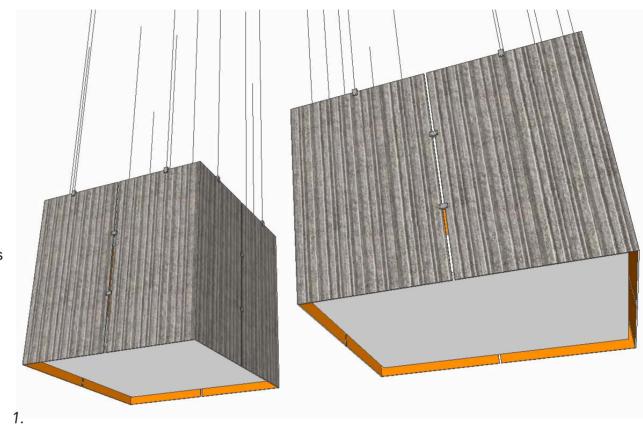


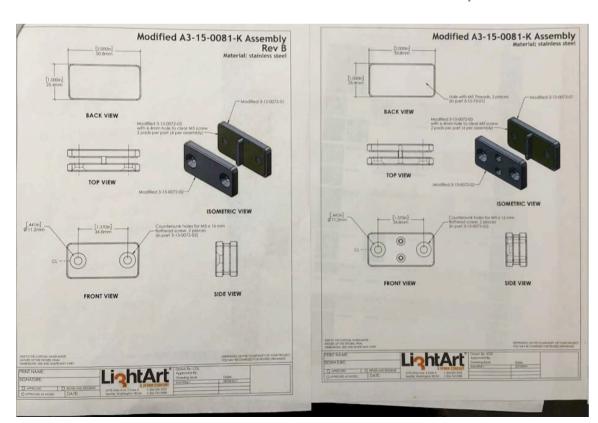
Project Process Details

Photo 1. The design intent for large 60"x60"x48" fixtures in the main stadium presentation area was a challenge but quickly I devised a design solution that would secretly achieve the "look" the specifier was seeking but be cost and material efficient. Due to material grain and width constraints, the material needed to be grain direction specific, needed to match the Zovio brand Pantone orange color on the interior, and fit precisely through the suspended acoustical ceiling in the space.

Photo 2. Not only were there special consideration for the design and material, but also for the hardware that would attach the corner routed and bent 4 pieces of each fixture. I used standard metal hardware to create a custom metal fastener collaborating with my CAD teammate to create this solution. Considering installation + maintenance, while designing this custom fixture as well.

Photo 3. The sample of the final layup of the custom material to create a shade that would not allow light to transmit, the inside standard Casper fixture would be lifted to reveal the on-brand Zovio color. **See next slide for photo results.**





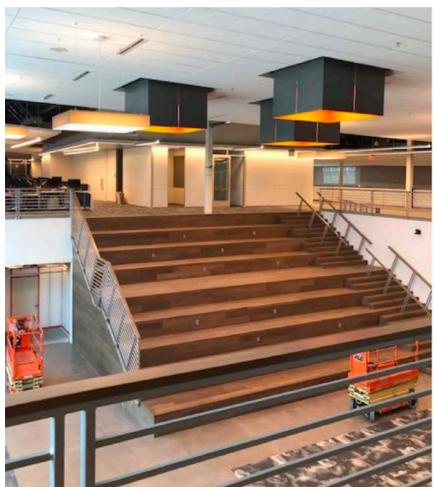


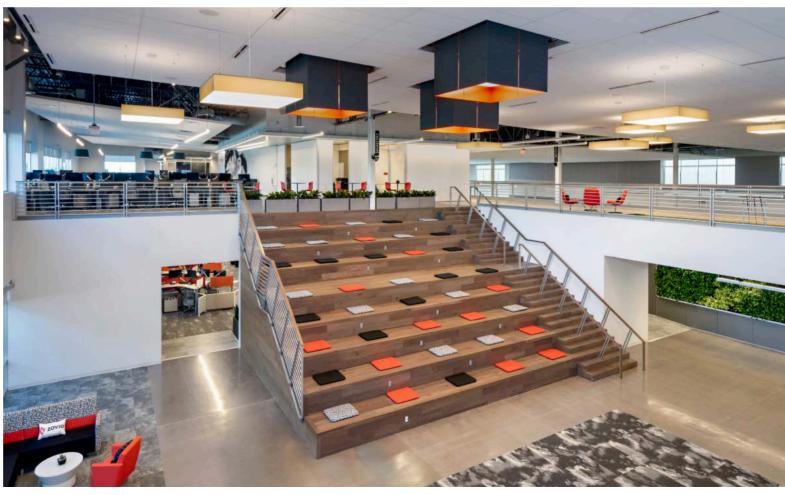


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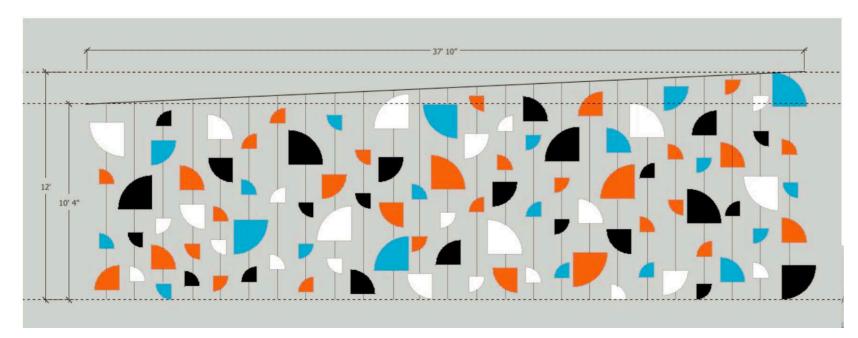
Project Process Details

When Phase 3 design conceptualization and quoting occurred, I created 3 quick design options and rough budgets for the specifier to review. I took it upon myself to research the firm and what might align as a visual in their space. I used the exploded shapes from the Zovio logo.

The specifier loved the logo design concept and we decided to move forward with the concept using a combination of the brand colors within the space.

I created a CAD drawing and then mock up over the proposed photo of the space. After the concept review, the specifier decided that they wanted something more neutral and could I please provide her with some options of a variety of white materials - varying in textures, transparency, and finish.







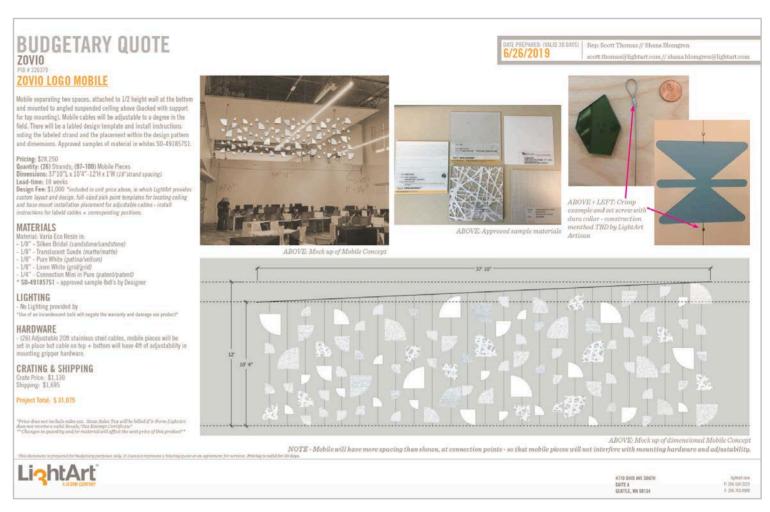
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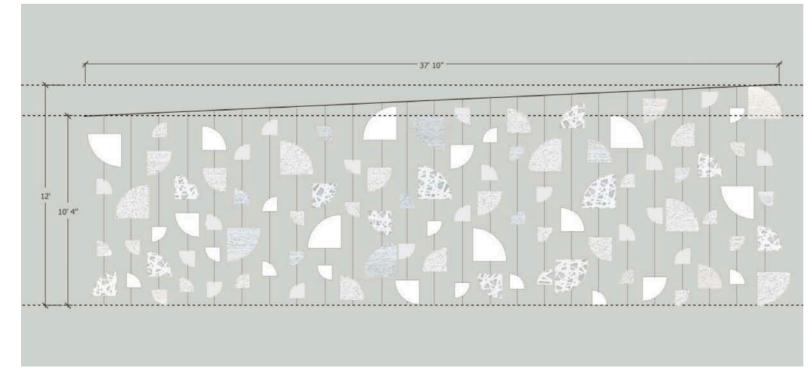
I quickly provided the specifier with photographs of a variety of samples and shipped them out for her review for next day delivery. After she emailed me back with her choices, I was able to quickly edit the mock up and refine the pricing on the budgetary quote.











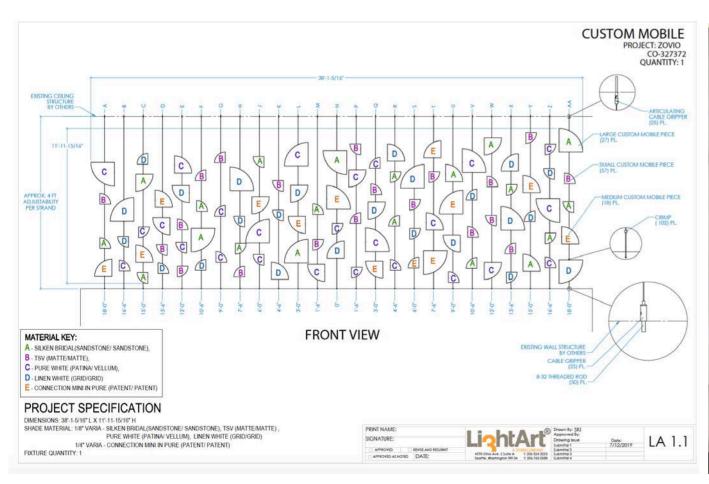


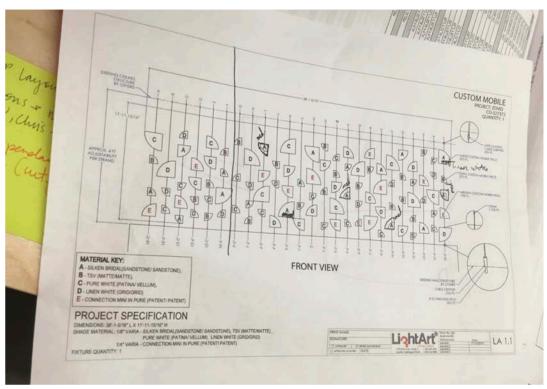
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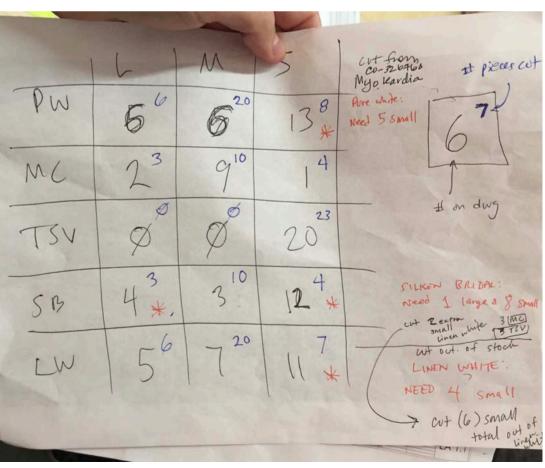
I created a detailed colorful installation key for the mobile, on top of the CAD drawing. This was to be a beneficial tool for the fabricators and for the installer on-site. However, problems occurred when the CNC machinist cut the wrong size of shapes on specific materials - not realizing there were a variety of different cut files.

I remained calm - having been presented with a chart from the fabricator of the pieces that we had more of and were missing, I went with the CAD teammate to the back of the studio to search for possible "leftovers" from previous projects that would work for this project. Thank goodness, we found material that would would to substitute and solve the mishap.

I edited the mobile key drawing and everyone appreciated my ability to quickly problem solve, stay calm and not point fingers, and make sure the project fabrication stayed on schedule.







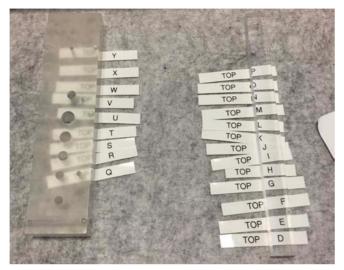
Project Process Details

Photo 1. The specific labels created for each of the mobile strands to coordinate with the mobile installation key. The idea was to create a more efficient install.

Photo 2. Each strand is wrapped individually and labeled to avoid installation confusion.

Photo 3. Don, LightArt fabricator, creating all of the detailed mobile strands based upon the CAD drawing measurements between pieces.

Photo 4 + 5. The final installed mobile photos provided by the installer to me and then can be seen in the distance in the final professional photos.









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4. 5.

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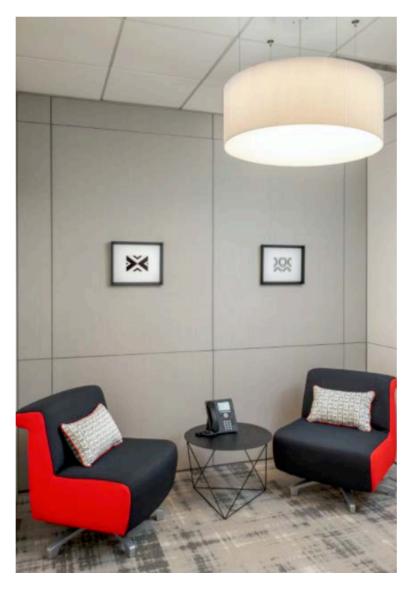
Final professional photos, by Michael Duerinckx. Not pictured in the photographs below, is the sculptural Ribbon Cloud fixture. This fixture was built as a standard with (3) internal lamps to illuminate the core of the fixture. Since this building required 277v fixtures and 277v lamps in the specific color temperature was hard to source with dimmability, we decided to modify the standard fixture to use a standard fixture led lid to illuminate the core. This then allowed us to add this new modification in our product offering library.

The conical acoustic felt fixture was a new fixture in R+D that the specifier saw while visiting the LightArt studio and wanted it in the project. This led me to working closely with R+D to complete the fixture design details and determine the lamp specifications.













Project Takeaways

- Expectation setting and clear communication with the specifier, sales rep and project manager during the initial design and quoting stages is hugely important for managing the project and personalities involved. Documenting the details along the way to be able to reference later on, will aid in project organization.
- Taking advantage of an on-site visit of a specifier and creating a
 presentation for opportunity, can be beneficial to creating
 beautiful end result and providing additional profit to the
 company.
- Staying ahead of the project, requesting clarification and confirmation on information, and staying in clear communication with team members helps when there are many parties involved and a very large and detailed project to be completing in phases.
- Being overly detailed in the labeling of fixture type, size, and color helps everyone from bidding, to the shop, to the site make sense of the product they are responsible for quoting, fabricating, or handling.
- Putting in a bit of extra effort to over communicate instructions in drawings, writing, and photos can be super helpful to all parties involved in the project to understand the intent and installation. However, mistakes may still be made, but additional future benefits can be had from creating a learning reference tool (or setting a new and improved project standard).
- Thinking outside the box, can create great solutions for new and impressive fixtures, hardware and materials. Also, being able to secure R+D of a fixture on a project helps benefit the company.

