Library 2nd Floor Re-Purposing Design/Build

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**Project Narrative**

The University of Central Florida is committed to providing facilities that offer outstanding support for the learning, teaching and research that take place on campus. In recent years, a variety of construction and renovation projects have added new buildings or enhanced some of the campus’s most historic structures and features. One of those structures is the UCF Library and the upcoming Design/Build re-purposing efforts for the existing second floor of this five-story building. The scope of work will consist of transforming the original 1970’s motif of the second floor into a high-tech modern learning center for the students on campus. This 24,800 square foot renovation will include the replacement of floor and wall finishes, removal and reconstruction of the reference desk, the re-cladding of the circulation desk at the entrance, the removal and relocation of existing book shelves and new equipment and furniture placement. The re-purposing will also require new electrical work for power, data and distribution as well as task lighting throughout the space.

Currently, the space is equipped with 263 student stations and 94 PC desktops. The renovated design will accommodate 479 student stations, 196 PC desktops (between students and staff) and will have approximately 116 student stations that will have power at “arm’s reach”. The majority of the student stations will be comprised of a unique, human-centered systems furniture design that invites people to feel comfortable, as the 120-degree angles form attractive, light and open workstations for students. This versatile system also allows for above ceiling power to be masked by the support poles, which by way of the support arms and trusses, can connect several “pods” in one functional arrangement.

This “Cyber Café” concept that blends flexibility in research and technology will be vibrant and inspiring to current and future students as an iconic piece of art on campus. Librarians will become more engaged with student users and may gain visual access throughout the project for assistance and security purposes. Students will also be able to choose from either static or interactive areas within the renovation, whether at collaborative locations for an informal dialect or single individual stations for quiet sessions. The overall design will also include new way finding signage and clear pathways for direct exit locations. Additional architectural elements will include re-wrapping certain columns, millwork tabletops, pendant lighting and sub ceiling compasso treatments, as the original acoustical coffe ceiling cannot be disturbed.
Furniture Examples

Workhaven Tablet Chair / Loveseat, Markerboard, End Table

My Studio System, Caper Chair, Aveve Pebble Table
Proposed Space

Arak System with Focus Task & Achieve Side Chairs

Front Entrance towards Reference Desk

Existing Space