

project	SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY CLASSROOMS		
location	BOSTON, MA	client	SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY
architect	ELLENZWEIG ASSOCIATES	contractor	TURNER CONSTRUCTION
project type	MANAGEMENT		

re-negotiate furniture contract
 increase energy efficiency
 expand scope within budget

efficiency

When map-lab was hired by Suffolk University to manage the renovation of 8 classrooms, they set out to discover cost-saving opportunities without sacrificing design or project momentum. Realizing that furniture costs were high compared to other university price structures, map-lab successfully re-negotiated the unit cost with the furniture dealer, which resulted in more than 5% savings for the furniture.

Suffolk's efforts to create more energy-efficient spaces by replacing light bulbs prompted map-lab to suggest replacing old light fixtures, which the university was eager to do. map-lab then took over the application process for NSTAR's energy rebate program to save Suffolk money for its efforts, and established a new standard procedure for future projects.

map-lab discovered another opportunity in the budget and schedule, allowing for the expansion of the project's scope to include renovations to several surrounding classrooms. The GMP was able to absorb these additional renovations, for a fraction of what it would cost to complete these as a separate project later. Even with this expansion, the project was completed on time for the Fall semester and the final costs came in under budget.

