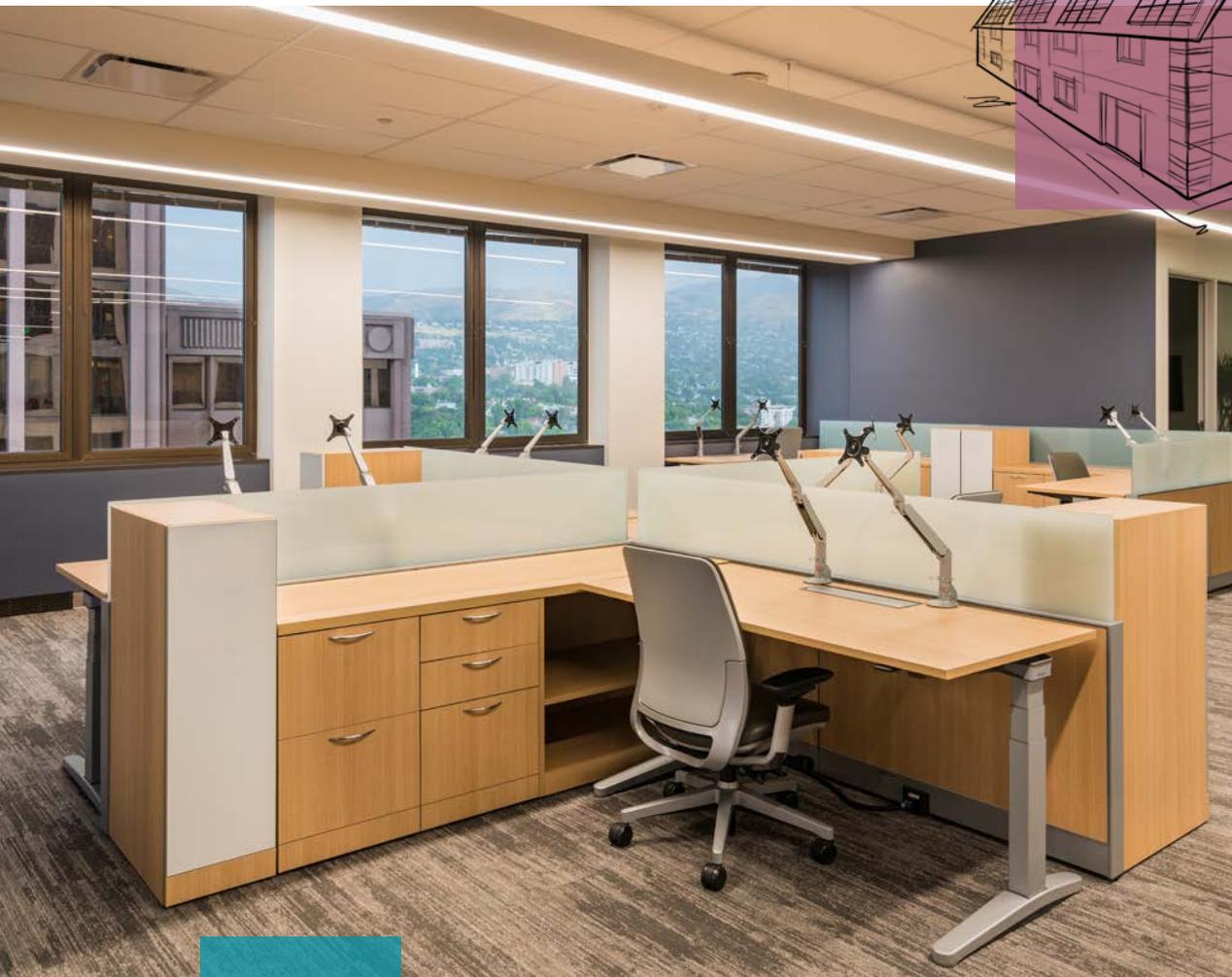


Optimized Acoustics™ in medical office spaces

Intermountain Healthcare Offices,
Salt Lake City, Utah



Within the 27-story Key Bank Tower in Salt Lake City, Intermountain Healthcare's new corporate and executive offices occupy two floors of bright, comfortable and cooperative workspace. Because sensitive medical and financial information is discussed within these offices, speech privacy and concentration were key considerations.

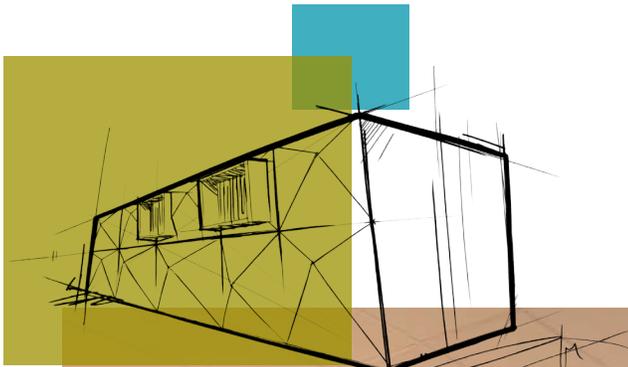
Products in use

- Rockfon Alaska®
- Rockfon® Koral™
- Chicago Metallic® 1200

The building, originally constructed in 1976, required new interior build-out and enhancements to accommodate Intermountain Healthcare's management team. Designed by AJC Architects, the open office concept sought to promote an environment of innovation, collaboration, mutual respect and integrity among all team members. The modern interior features light colors, soft shapes, and natural materials such as gray masonry and white, acoustic, stone wool Rockfon ceiling panels.

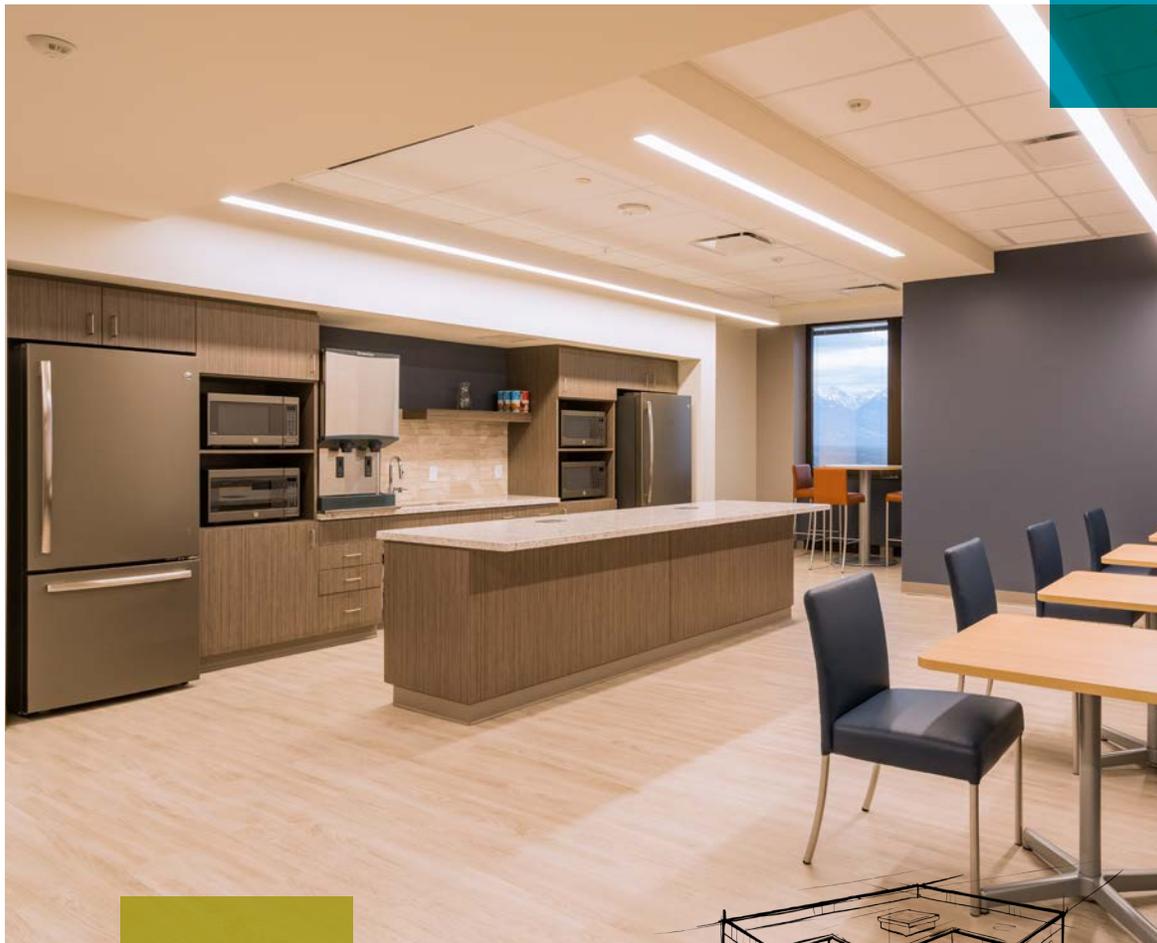
"Acoustics was a primary concern," said Garrett Easton, Rockfon's district manager. Combining full-height walls with sound-absorbing ceilings are essential steps to optimizing acoustics in interior spaces. Acoustic absorption decreases the distance that sound travels in open spaces and improves speech privacy. Fewer people are distracted, improving productivity and decreasing stress.

In enclosed spaces, such as the aptly named "quiet rooms," Rockfon Alaska ceiling panels offer high sound absorption with a Noise Reduction Coefficient (NRC) of up to 0.90. In the open office area, Rockfon Koral panels provide good sound absorption of 0.85 NRC. Installed in Rockfon Chicago Metallic 1200 15/16-inch exposed grid, both of these acoustic ceiling tiles also deliver high light reflectance, 0.86 LR, to maximize the natural light from the windows into the office interior. Extending the light transmission into the open office, frosted glass partitions add to the feeling of openness with a sense of privacy.



Rockfon's Easton and acoustic specialist, Gary Madaras, PhD, toured Intermountain Healthcare's offices after the team moved into the space in September 2018. "During our walk-through, the three main components of Optimized Acoustics - which are high NRC acoustic ceilings, full height partitions between rooms and designed background sound - resulted in a workplace that is in the top 10% for creating a positive acoustic experience," said Madaras.

Achieving the desired result, Intermountain Healthcare's staff operates comfortably and successfully from its new headquarters. The team leads nearly 40,000 caregivers who serve the health care needs of people across Utah, southern Idaho and southern Nevada. Their mission of "helping people live the healthiest lives possible®" guides the entire organization and those in its corporate and executive offices.



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