



## Educating clients, building green and creating an energetic space

**SD Deacon Requirements:** SD Deacon requested a design for their new space that would educate clients on how buildings and interiors are constructed, while highlighting their construction expertise. As one of the nation's largest contractors, SD Deacon required a workspace that provided ample layout areas for viewing drawings as well as ample storage for these documents as part of an open-plan that would foster creativity, team building and departmental interaction. Their corporate philosophy is one of inter-office cooperation and openness. Therefore, the various departments in the company needed to be grouped in a manner that would best facilitate the flow of information while allowing for future flexibility. They also felt that building green was important and required that renewable and efficient materials be used.

**IOS Solutions:** The design firm of Watkins/Baile & Assoc. and SD Deacon chose to partner with IOS and Goldfish Studio to create a fun, yet functional space. The collaboration resulted in workstations, private offices, and reception and seating areas that integrated clear powder-coated raw steel structural components with bamboo panels, glass shelving and polycarbonate station divisions. The open plan work stations maintained a relatively low profile which provided uninterrupted lines of sight throughout the space. The private offices were comprised of the same materials as the open plan but also allowed for more intimate meeting situations. The result was an agile, sustainable work environment with custom furniture products that mirrored the construction materials. The design transformed the space into an efficient and lively work environment and captured the youthful exuberance of the SD Deacon staff while allowing greater functionality in their operations.



### PROJECT SPECIFICS:

- 15,000 sq. ft.
- 48 custom Goldfish Studio work stations
- 10 custom Goldfish Studio private offices
- 1 large custom Goldfish Studio conference table
- A custom Goldfish Studio reception desk including bamboo closets and file storage surrounding the large lobby fish tank
- Materials used in the fabrication of the custom furniture:
  - Plyboo board material (bamboo plywood) - oil and wax finish
  - Raw steel - clear powder coated
  - Various textiles - pedestal seating
  - Dual wall polycarbonate - station partitions
  - Laminate work surfaces detailed with real metal edge - banding
  - Tempered glass - shelving
  - Forbo - tackable surfaces

### SD DEACON AT A GLANCE:

SD Deacon, established in 1991, is a commercial construction company. In retail construction, they rank in the top ten of the largest contractors in the nation and number one on the west coast. Their diverse portfolio includes retail, high-tech, hospitality, education, auto dealerships, tenant improvements, healthcare, industrial, office, mixed-use and repair & restoration.