

Acentech Salutes the Opening of Temple University's Alter Hall

Firm Provides Audiovisual Consulting for Alter Hall, New Home of the Temple University Fox School of Business and Management

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. – May 4, 2009 – Acentech Inc., a nationally recognized multi-disciplinary acoustics, audiovisual systems design, and vibration consulting firm, announced today that it provided audiovisual consulting services for the newly completed Alter Hall at Temple University in Philadelphia, the new home for the University's Fox School of Business and Management.

"The Fox School's new technology-rich building will facilitate teaching, learning and collaboration, and simulate a 21st century business environment," said John DeAngelo, associate dean of Temple University Fox School of Business and Management. "We are particularly proud of the ubiquity and transparency of the audiovisual systems installed. Acentech provided invaluable technological and audiovisual advice and expertise in planning and executing the design of our new state-of-the-art business school building."

The construction of Alter Hall, which began in early 2006, will dramatically increase the existing space for business education with a new \$80 million, 217,000 square foot, seven-story facility designed by world-renowned architect Michael Graves in collaboration with Burt Hill Kosar Rittelmann Associates of Butler, Pennsylvania. The new building features innovations in smart classroom design, the longest elliptical stock ticker at any university in the United States, a capital markets room, and other technology for teaching and learning designed to prepare students by mirroring a real-world business environment.

Acentech consulted on audiovisual systems installed in case study rooms, classrooms, capital markets rooms, conference rooms, a 280-seat auditorium, a 4,200 square foot student lounge, and a 3,600 square foot graduate commons. A variety of systems types were installed in these spaces including digital signage, interactive kiosk, rich media, large screen display, program playback, and video walls. The installed cost of the audiovisual systems in Alter Hall was \$4.6 million.

"Alter Hall exemplifies the cutting edge in smart technology for higher education, and Acentech is proud to have been a part of the integrated design team," said Larry Philbrick, supervisory consultant at Acentech. "The extensive audiovisual capabilities, digital signage and rich media embedded in this innovative building will serve faculty and students well for years to come."

The new Alter Hall is named after lead donor and Temple University alumnus, Dennis and Gisela Alter, whose \$15 million gift in 2004 made the building possible. The grand opening of Alter Hall took place on April 20, 2009.

About Acentech

Acentech Inc. is a multi-disciplinary acoustics, audiovisual systems design, and vibration consulting firm providing a wide range of services to a diverse group of clients. With offices in Cambridge, Massachusetts; Trevese, Pennsylvania; and Westlake Village, California, the company's professional staff of more than 50 consultants has broad and deep expertise in all areas of acoustics and audiovisual systems design consulting. Having celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2008, Acentech is the oldest and largest organization of its type: an unequalled resource to engineers, architects, and designers worldwide. For more information, please visit www.acentech.com.

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