

## **UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS**

Business Instructional Facility  
Champaign Urbana, IL



### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The centerpiece of this 158,000 square foot facility is the three-story high Commons—an atrium space, flooded with light that serves as the social and academic center of the business school. Acoustically, the Commons must accommodate a range of activities from small informal breakout groups to formal presentations for 500 persons seated on the main floor. Much of the sound absorbing treatment, required to control reverberation and enhance speech intelligibility, is visually integrated in a subtle manner, behind wood slats and perforated wood paneling.

The building will contain a 300-seat auditorium, several large classrooms with tiered seating, and a suite of interactive “lab” spaces, including a simulated financial trading floor, known as the Market Information Laboratory. Acentech designed the audiovisual and IT systems for The Lab, a place where learning will come to life as student engage in hands-on exercises that mimic a wide spectrum of real business situations.

This new instructional facility is scheduled to open for classes in 2008.

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## **Acentech**

### **CONSULTING SERVICES**

- Architectural acoustics
- Information technology
- Audiovisual system design
- Mechanical system noise and vibration control

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300-seat Auditorium