

the best grand conference rooms

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF REALTORS**
Executive Boardroom
Chicago, Ill.



STATS

Cost (AV only): \$280,000

Total cost: \$455,000

Architect: RGI Inc., 312.329.0061

System designer/dealer/integrator:
United Visual Inc., 603.467.1410

EQUIPMENT

AMX (Panja) Axcnt control system

Sony PFM-510A1WU 42-inch
plasma screen (2)

Panasonic PT-L979U LCD projector

Draper 100-inch Signature
tensioned electric screen

Soft Board 201PC electronic whiteboard

PictureTel Concorde 4500ZX
videoconferencing system

IRP TCA-6842 audioconferencing system

Audio Technica AT845R built-in
microphone (18)

JBL Control 24CT ceiling speakers (8)

JBL Control 19CST subwoofers (2)

Extron Matrix 16x16 switcher

The National Association of Realtors (NAR) is the world's largest trade organization, with 1,700 chapters and more than 730,000 members. The NAR communicates constantly with its vast network of constituents, and much of that communication is done from its exquisitely designed, technologically up-to-the-minute Executive Boardroom, located in downtown Chicago.

The room's centerpiece is a burl-walnut conference table that seats 16, and an impressive array of presentation technology recessed into the walls, ceiling and furniture, ready to go at a moment's notice. Recessed covers in the conference table flip up to provide meeting participants with full connectivity to the corporate LAN, Internet, projector or dual plasma screens. If participants want to use the room's projector, both a screen and the projector emerge from the ceiling, and blackout shades descend to cover

the windows. Need to conduct a videoconference? Push a button on the control panel and two side-by-side plasma screens emerge from the credenza, translucent window screens descend to diffuse the outside light, and fluorescent lighting specially designed to cast a soft glow on meeting participants is automatically activated. The twin plasma screens can be used for anything from side-by-side document comparisons to two-way videoconferencing and video.

This impressive combination of technological savvy and architectural ingenuity is what earned the NAR's Executive Boardroom this year's Grand Prize. Our congratulations go out to everyone involved in building this superior facility.

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GASCO
United Arab Emirates Boardroom
Abu Dhabi

STATS

Cost (AV only): \$217,000
Architect: N/A
System designer: Visionaire Group
AV dealer: Link FZE, +971.4.815222

EQUIPMENT

Crestron CNMSX-Pro Controller control system

Davis DPB1200 rear-screen LCD projector

Davis DLX 10 DLP projector

Draper Diamond rear-projection screen

Draper Profile electric front screen

BARCO PreCa 1280 document camera

SmartBoard SB580 electronic whiteboard

Advanced Digital Station Presentation PC

Aethra Vega Multi-point videoconferencing system

Sony SX-M100 audioconference system (15)

Sony WRR/WRT 800A-Freedom microphones (11)

Bose Panaray 502 speakers (2)

The corporate boardroom of GASCO, the leading provider of petroleum in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, combines technical sophistication and exquisite taste. The room contains just about everything you could want in terms of presentation technology — projectors (including a backup), document camera, electronic whiteboard, videoconferencing system, etc. — and places it all in an elegant décor, with leather chairs, wood paneling, leaded crystal windows and artful lighting. It's a beautiful room, built for professional presentations of all kinds.

DUQUESNE CLUB
Carnegie Room
David M. Roderick Conference Center
Pittsburgh, Pa.



STATS

Cost (AV only): \$450,000
Total cost: \$2.3 million
Architect: L.D. Astorino & Associates, 412.765.1700
System Designer: Norm Cleary, PCS, 412.621.1950
AV dealer/installer: Pro-Com Systems, 412.621.1950

EQUIPMENT

AMX (Panja) Access control system

Pioneer PDP-502MZ 50-inch plasma monitor

Electrohome/Christie Digital Vistagrafx 5000 DLP projector

Communication Specialties Scan Do Ultra scan converter

Communication Specialties Deuce Pro line doubler/quadrupler

Stewart Filmscreen projection screens (3)

Kodak Ektagraphics III AMT slide projector

ELMO HV-7000SX SXG document camera

VTd Enterprise 2000 videoconferencing system

Gentner AP800 audioconferencing system

Gentner, Sony, Audio Technica and Pro-Com microphones (16)

JBL 4652

Tannoy CM5651CT speakers (14)

Extron RGBHV matrix switcher

Members of the Duquesne Club are primarily business leaders of Pittsburgh. But in order to entice members to use the Carnegie Room for business purposes, it had to be more powerful, elegant and easier to use than the rooms available at the members' various corporate offices. This challenge has been met with a formidable array of technology, including four independent video cameras, a 5,000-lumen DLP projector, custom microphone enclosures, a 50-inch plasma monitor and much more — all of which recedes and disappears if the room is being used for other purposes, such as a reception or dinner.

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WISCONSIN STATE CAPITOL
South Wing Hearing Room
 Madison, Wis.



STATS

Cost (AV only): \$300,000

Total cost: \$400,000

Architect: Kahler Slater, Jim Mladucky, 608.283.6300

AV dealer: SIGCOM Inc., 336.547.9700

System designer: Tim Cape, 404.378.5635

System installer: Tom Allison, 828.648.1482



**ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR
 GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION**
Boardroom
 Chicago, Ill.

STATS

Cost: N/A

Architect: Matt Kohut, MSRA, 312.733.6772

AV dealer: United Visual Inc., 630.467.1500

System designer: Doug Carnell, United Visual, 630.467.1403

System installer: Mike Mueller, United Visual, 630.467.1723

CARLSON COMPANIES INC.
OTC 2BB/Summit Room
 Plymouth, Minn.



STATS

Cost (AV only): \$75,000

Total cost: \$700,000

Architect: Imagin Studios Inc., 612.379.7754

AV dealer/designer/installer: Midco TV Systems, 612.544.3375

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