

Specimen Processing Consolidation

Kaiser Permanente
Los Angeles, California



Specimen Processing Consolidation Project was initiated as a result of a study revealing that consolidation would result in substantial savings for Regional Reference Laboratories. To realize the savings the project had to be planned, designed, permitted and constructed within six months.

This seemingly impossible task became a reality due to the following factors:

1. The Client became an integral and active member of the team. They reported their requirements in an organized, professional and timely manner and made themselves available for meetings, whenever needed.

2. The architects worked closely with various department representatives on site to identify all requirements in a very short period of time. Every effort was made to utilize as much of the existing electrical and mechanical systems as possible to salvage and reuse construction material where applicable and to specify material and furnishings that could accommodate the project's schedule. Similarly, all lab furnishing systems and equipment as well as other furnishings were inventoried and incorporated into this project.

3. With full cooperation of the end users, planning efforts were completed within two weeks.

4. The A/E team prepared the construction documents in a short time and the plan check process was completed "over the counter" at the City of Los Angeles.

5. The Contractor worked closely with the A/E team to identify the long lead items and perform value engineering on an ongoing basis.

6. The team met on a regular basis and through close monitoring and coordination ensured the project remained on track and within budget.

The outstanding partnering effort amongst all team members resulted in a high quality project that responded to all the requirements of the client and was completed within budget and in record time, (six months from inception to occupancy).

API consultants was awarded a Team Excellence Award by Kaiser Permanente's Facilities Design and Construction for their dedication and performance on this project.

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