

# University Centre, University of Regina

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## THE PROJECT

The \$28.4 Million new home for Visual Arts, Theatre, Student Services and the Student Union Centre has been developed for the University of Regina. This multi-use facility, situated at the south west entrance to the campus, was designated as a new centre of student activities as well as a gateway into the University.

## THE TASK

To build consensus within the varied user groups on all aspects of the building. To deliver a defined vision and ensure that all aspects of the finished product address same. To maximize value for money and explore commercial solutions to design and construction. MKT, teamed with Harvard Developments, were requested to test all previously accepted standards from use of the Central Plant to coded electrical outlets. We were also requested to explore commercial activities in an effort to generate all income that was considered commercially viable.

## THE RESULT

Through the User's Advisory Committee and the President's control group, MKT/Harvard explored methods of building consensus in defining the needs and desires of the users. MKT/Harvard prepared all initial budgets in house on a room by room basis. A team of consultants was selected through a competitive process under the management of MKT/Harvard. Delivery options for the construction were considered and a risk/reward analysis was prepared. A Construct Management competition was held and a fast track design and construction process implemented.

The key elements of a fully finished food court; student union bar and lounge; 400 seat proscenium arch theatre with fly tower including all rigging, lights and galleries; as well as the office; classrooms; and public spaces were delivered for less than \$118.00 per square foot including all design, construction, furniture, fixtures, equipment, relocation and management costs. The initial opening of the building was held in December 1996 on time and on budget.

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