



Atlantic Container Line Westfield, New Jersey



The gorgeous, award winning offices of Atlantic Container Line's North American headquarters are an ode to the company's links to the seas. ACL is a container/cargo company with 40-years' experience around the world. Their space includes wonderful nautical elements such as oak-clad walls reminiscent of the hull of a sailing ship and a large, white, fiberglass replica of a propeller.

In their business they've seen all kinds of events that put a crimp in on-time delivery. So when the truck carrying their DIRTT Walls ended up jack-knifing off the highway down a 30-foot cliff during a winter storm (thankfully the driver was unhurt), they had empathy for DIRTT.

It was amazing.



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"After seeing the pictures we figured DIRTT would have to redo the entire job," said Human Resources & Office Services VP, Rob O'Leary. "We figured it would add another three weeks to the whole project."

For DIRTT, that would not be acceptable. The Walls were brought back to the factory. Some pieces were destroyed and others needed fixing. There were even some doors completely unharmed. Teams were assembled and people came in on their day off to try to still make the move-in date. When production started ACL was contacted and told to expect the new shipment in a week. "It was amazing. A week later, at 1:55 p.m., I happened to be in the receiving area with the Jones Lang LaSalle Project Manager and in came the truck that was promised for a 2 o'clock arrival," said Mr. O'Leary. "It was nice to see it roll into the property with my own eyes."

On top of being pleased with the service from DIRTT, Mr. O'Leary says he is hearing great responses about the Walls themselves. "I don't know how many people walk down the hall and are compelled to run their hand across it," he said. "The CEO and EVP of our company both marveled at doors. They love the smoothness and discreet track and secure feel of them. The craftsmanship is very high."

The ACL offices have been noted in the pages of several design magazines and won awards, but for Mr. O'Leary the real win was the successful move-in. "It all arrived on time and installed on time. It was all good all around. Everyone is very happy."