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## The variety of DIRTT. The power of ICE.

The Canadian Standards Association is a not-for-profit membership-based association developing standards to address public safety for everything from steel-toed boots to consumer electronics. In their new office space they weren't necessarily looking for a movable wall, rather a wall that provided them with a high level of function for hanging furniture and integrating power/data. In the design they wanted each room to be open to various finish levels and functionality. "The client did much of the homework themselves," said Design Lead, Monika Sarkisian of SGH Design Partners. "They went to several manufacturers and DIRTT stuck

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out because of their ability to offer variety without being custom." And though they were not emphasizing the need for walls that are movable, Ms. Sarkisian noted the CSA Facility Team has already used the agility of the walls and moved some offices around.

Like many projects, the budget for this job was hit by outside influences. The design team at SGH was then asked to perform a value engineering exercise. Because they were working with DIRTT, they were able to take advantage of ICE® software, a graphical, 3D, interactive platform. "With ICE and the DIRTT distribution partner Summerlee, working together, we had many renditions to find the budget," said Lucia De Biasio, the Project Leader for SGH. "The ICE program was so instant we could have meetings with the client and make changes on the spot."

CSA is a phased project, which allowed the facility team to see the speed of the installation and fit and finish of the DIRTT walls before the second phase was underway. They experienced the reality they knew in theory when originally chose DIRTT. "Through the creativity of the team and the various elements the product offered," said Ms. Sarkisian. "By switching some of the details we still achieved a really good result without losing the intent."