



Indiana Institute of Technology

Serving around 3,000 students from around the world, Indiana Institute of Technology is located in downtown Fort Wayne, Indiana. Tech, as the name implies, focuses on engineering, sciences and mathematics, but also offers students a rounded liberal arts education to balance the technical emphasis. Over the past ten years the campus has seen a transformation as a dozen new facilities have expanded the capacity of the school.

Their Need

Housing students has increasingly become a problem as the 19th century neighborhoods around the campus deteriorated or were cleared to make way for additional classrooms and common spaces. Tech decided to build, but needed their new student quarters to be competitive with nearby private apartment complexes, as well as available in time for the start of the new school year. And, construction could not disrupt the campus, so the complex had to “mushroom” to completion over the summer months.

Our Solution

Whitley, in cooperation with Grinsfelder Architects, took on the project with the guarantee that students would have spacious and comfortable apartments well before the start of classes. In less than 90-days ground was cleared, the modules completed and finish work...well, finished. Forty-five students have private rooms in shared apartments. Common areas provide well lighted study areas while saving energy through passive solar applications. The building is also wired for quick access to broadband internet uses. Tech is pleased enough to begin work on additional housing.