

CASE STUDY

ACADIA UNIVERSITY

WOLFVILLE, NOVA SCOTIA



Client's Perspective

Founded in 1838, Acadia University is located in the town of Wolfville, Nova Scotia, southwest of Halifax, the provincial capital. The University is shaped by the spirit of hard work and dedication to the principles that everyone should have access to university regardless of gender, race, or religious affiliations. Acadia student enrollment for Undergraduate and Graduate students number approximately 3,500 of which 1,500 students live on campus in 12 residences. Acadia University is predominantly Undergraduate with some graduate programs and the Master's level and one at the Doctoral Level. Degree programs available at Acadia, in more than 200 combinations, are Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Pure and Applied Science, Faculty of Professional Studies, and Theology. Acadia is particularly proud of their athletics program, a tradition that dates back to 1875 and features numerous, first-class athletic facilities.

Challenge

Sodexo has been providing facility services to Acadia since 1996 and, as a strategic partner, works in collaboration with Acadia to seek efficiencies that reduce overall operating costs for this 1.7 million sq. ft. campus. The Sodexo team is charged with implementing innovative and cost-effective solutions that enhance the learning environment while maximizing the facility value and efficiency.

Solution

Sodexo manages and delivers building operations and maintenance, construction management, project management, energy and utility management, central heating plant, recycling, waste management, landscaping/groundskeeping/snow removal, office services, laundry services, mailroom, event set-ups and sports complex management. With this seasoned facilities management platform, Sodexo finds solutions and efficiencies to reduce the overall operating costs of this university.

Outcomes

- \$600,000 in cost savings generated through various facilities services programs and service enhancements.
- \$48,000 annual savings due to load shedding that reduced energy consumption.
- \$20,000 saved by the purchase of a "green" elevator which uses no oils or fluids and very little power to operate.
- \$10,000 annual savings on tipping fees and \$11,000 annual profit on recyclables due to introduction of waste compactor and recyclable sorting system
- 4% reduced energy use after installation of soot blowers in the central heating plant

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