

Imai Keller Moore Architects Laboratory/Research

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Department of Physics and Materials
Science & Engineering
Cambridge, Massachusetts

128,000 sf
Renovations: Buildings 4, 6, 8
New Construction (in Courtyard)
(with Payette Associates)
2007

Imai Keller Moore accomplished a complex programming and feasibility study to reorganize and update the Departments of Physics and of Materials Science and Engineering. A major design challenge was determining how to provide each department contiguous program space and create legible public identities and views along the "infinite corridor" in MIT's Main Group.

Concurrently IKM coordinated an intensive investigation of the aging infrastructure and recommended improvements in the Feasibility Study. To incorporate the Physics/DMSE renovations into Payette Associates newly developed Main Group Master Plan, the firms joined forces to expand the design to include a new building to be constructed in the courtyard formed by buildings 2, 4, 6, and 8. The new building is linked to renovated surrounding buildings by bridges and stairs within a skylit atrium.

