



**Case Study**

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**Client:** Carter Burgess



**Project**

The new \$22 million College of Business Administration building offers a unique learning environment designed to encourage interaction between students and faculty. The facility incorporates classroom seating for 1,000 students, 60 faculty offices, a career resource library, and a 200-seat auditorium for both the college and the local community. The 102,000 sq ft building was designed to achieve LEED Silver Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

**Our role**

Rider Levett Bucknall provided milestone cost estimates at the conceptual, schematic, design development and construction documents phases. We worked closely with the design team and Construction Manager at Risk to reconcile project costs at each milestone stage and assisted Value Engineering efforts by pricing various options

**Client benefits**

Because of Rider Levett Bucknall's role as a third party cost advisor; the client was able to complete the project within the capital expenditure limitations established by the Owner. To keep the team informed during the design process, we offered up-to-date and accurate information on the project budget status on a regular basis. The unique requirements of the Construction Manager at Risk procurement method are well known to Rider Levett Bucknall, and we were able to optimize project performance, value and quality by fostering a truly collaborative working environment.



**Testimonial**

"RLB provided cost estimating and cost validation for the award-winning Northern Arizona University College of Business Administration. The project finished within budget and is considered a success by both clients and users. ...I believe that this success was in part due to RLB; they allowed the design team to excel in design, while maintaining the budget expectations set forth by the NAU. ...Their professional manner and attention to detail makes them an asset to any team and we look forward to many opportunities to work with them in the future."

**Dan Richardson, Group Manager of Carter & Burgess Building Programs, Project Manager for the NAU CBA**

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