

Extraordinary hotel uses AV systems from Novatoo

The Hampton Inn & Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Aurora, Illinois is an extraordinary place.

"People are surprised how well equipped, how up to date, and how quiet our hotel is," says Tom Stahl, Director of Sales. The hotel, located in suburban Kane County in the I-88 technology corridor, has an unusually well equipped conference center with permanently installed audio and video systems.

While most hotels bring in rental equipment as needed by individual clients, management asked Novatoo Audio Visual to install projectors, plasma displays, and switching and source equipment in two large meeting rooms, a boardroom and banquet area.

"I've known Tim Novak for many years," says Stahl, who has used Novatoo since 2002 as a rental source for more specialized equipment, such as the Polycom extended system and mic mixer that he needed for a recent meeting. "When we were considering installing our audiovisual systems and Tim told me he could take care of that, I jumped at the chance. Novatoo has always been fast, efficient and fair with us. I trust them."

Novatoo installed AV systems in four areas:



- The Augusta Room, which seats up to 90 people for meetings and 72 for banquets.
 - The St. Andrews room, which also seats up to 90 for meetings and 72 for banquets.
 - The Board Room, which seats up to 14 for meetings.
- The AV system in each of these rooms includes projection, sound, motorized screen and wall-mounted plates for computer, video and mic inputs, audio and cable TV outputs, plus phone and Internet.
- A breakfast / banquet area which seats up to 120 people. The hotel uses this space for its morning breakfast buffet and then, in the afternoon and evening, for larger meetings, banquets and parties, including weddings. Novatoo installed a 50" plasma display in this space, plus wall plates with computer, video and mic inputs, audio and cable TV outputs, plus phone and Internet.

Novatoo also installed two equipment racks. The first-floor rack serves the banquet area and St. Andrews Room, and includes a 100-disc CD changer, DVD player, VCR, amplifiers, equalizers and a wireless mic receiver.

The second-floor rack serves the Augusta Room, the Board Room, and the Palmer and Nicklaus Rooms and includes a DVD player, VCR, amplifiers and equalizers.

"We're very happy with the service we get from Novatoo," says Stahl. "They understand what we need. We feel very comfortable with them."



The Augusta Room set up classroom style



Above: the Board Room
At right: the first floor equipment rack



The breakfast / banquet area



The St. Andrews Room set up for a luncheon meeting