

Large University Sees Dramatic Results with Cleaning Program Overhaul

When the University of Texas at Austin decided to overhaul its cleaning program, the custodial services department dedicated five years for a full transition. In light of the size of the task, the long timeframe was definitely needed. The university, known simply as Texas or UT, is one of the top five largest single campuses in the U.S., with an enrollment just short of 50,000 and a faculty and staff of 21,000.

UT Custodial Services is charged with cleaning 128 buildings — 104 with in-house staff and 24 through a building services contractor. The total cleanable space spans 11.4M sq. ft.

In 2001, the university adopted a team cleaning program, the ManageMen OS1 Operating System, and began incorporating drastic across-the-board changes into the way cleaning at the university was done.

“We wanted a better way to provide

cleaning services and an easier way for employees to do their work,” said Sally Moore, manager of Custodial Services. “We were convinced that OS1 Team Cleaning would accomplish this for us.”

One of the new cleaning tools introduced during the change over was the Super CoachVac, a high-powered backpack vacuum by ProTeam.

Before Team Cleaning, the university used upright vacuums on carpets and paraffin-treated dust mops on hard floors, with inconsistent overall results.

“Of all the tools that we’ve incorporated, the Super Coach has made the most difference in our program,” said Moore. “The backpack vacuums allow for high productivity. And ProTeam’s Four Level Filtration greatly reduces the amount of dust in the buildings, making them healthier work environments for our cleaning workers,



UT's new custodial program includes a team cleaning approach and Super Coach vacuums.

students, faculty, and staff.”

With cleaning for health a key concern, all ProTeam vacuums are Green Label-certified by the Carpet and Rug Institute as exceeding standards for dust removal and filtration. The Four Level Filtration of the Super CoachVac traps 99.9 percent of particulate matter one micron and larger, helping clear the air of allergens and asthma triggers.

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