CREATING CUSTOM SOLUTIONS

The State Charter Schools Commission (SCSC) had the challenge of creating a boardroom table for ten board members that was capable of allowing an audience to see them and them to see one another. A table in the shape of a curve would seem to be a solution, but who could make a custom table of such great length? SCSC's Kristen Easterbrook decided to reach out to Georgia Correctional Industries (GCI) to see if their wood industry program was capable of the task. After listening to SCSC's needs, GCI was confident it could provide a custom solution that SCSC would be proud to use.

To begin the design of the table, GCI relied on the help and the skills of an offender trained in computer aided design (CAD). The table designed was one that would provide a custom solution and professional atmosphere during the SCSC board meetings with the public. The design included built-in power modules with electric and USB charging ports that could be retracted for a smooth tabletop when needed. Additionally, the table was designed to be transported across the state and into the building in segments.

What's a conference table without new executive style chairs to complement it? With the help of GCI sales staff, SCSC selected a chair style to complement the table. GCI's upholstery industry program assembled, upholstered and packaged the chairs for delivery to SCSC.

With the table and chairs complete, GCI's field services team scheduled the delivery and installation. Field Services carefully inspected all table parts and chairs ensuring everything exceeded GCI's top quality standards; resulting in a beautifully, crafted curved table capable of accommodating ten people.

The table and chairs have been well received by the SCSC. The professional look of the table will continue to provide a professional atmosphere for SCSC board meetings for years to come. GCI has completed another successful custom project where offenders and employees in industry programs came together as a team to meet the goals and needs of the customer!