

ESSEX REALTY CASE STUDY

**LOCATION**

Chicago, IL

SPACE TYPE

Corporate Office

SIZE

8,000-sf

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

Macon Construction

ARCHITECTURE FIRM

Preston Design &
Construction Consulting

MANUFACTURING**PARTNERS**

Groupe Lacasse, Via
Seating, CB2, Interior
Define, Blu Dot & West Elm

THE STORY

OBJECTIVE

With the aim of creating a new headquarters that would support the rapid growth of their company, this Chicago-based real estate firm partnered with Rightsize to create a functional and innovative space that would reflect their brand.

DESIGN SOLUTION

Essex was very intentional in their choices and motivation. Previous iterations of their office consisted of refurbished pieces, as this was their first build out involving new selections. With a goal of bringing warmth to this industrial space, the aesthetic choices highlighted the tall ceilings, while divided-light windows help to provide a modern, naturally lit space. Special attention was given to the break room/lounge area. This was an important space that needed to feel welcoming, and comfortable while also being flexible for hosting large meetings.

DESIRED OUTCOME

The design intent for all furniture was to have a more residential or elevated feel rather than look like a commercial office. We achieved this with the materials/finish selections, and by layering in accessories such as area rugs, pillows, plants and decorative lighting.

