

PROJECT DATA

# DETROIT LIONS HEADQUARTERS AND TRAINING FACILITY

ALLEN PARK, MI  
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**Client**

Detroit Lions  
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**Architect**

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**Size**

253,000 sf

**Cost**

\$36,149,190



The Detroit Lions have relocated from Pontiac, MI, to a new training facility in Allen Park that combines the latest in design technology with environmental sensitivity. With JM Olson Corporation as construction manager and designs by Gensler, this training facility/ headquarters is unparalleled among NFL organizations.

The 95,000 sf indoor practice field, the nation's largest, boasts a 110-foot ceiling - the league standard ranges between 65 and 70 feet - allowing for unobstructed indoor punting practice. A striking 480-foot-long by 15-foot-wide, two-story daylight-flooded corridor connects the indoor field to the office and training functions.

Incorporating sustainable design elements into the building complex figured prominently in the project design. From the building entrance's bamboo flooring, which represents a rapidly renewable source, floor-to-ceiling windows, motion-sensor lighting and recycled rubber flooring, the facility design and construction conserves energy while minimizing the use of natural resources. The training field even utilizes synthetic turf partly composed of recycled tires.

Some other features of the training facility are expanded locker rooms, a spacious two-story weight room with floor-to-ceiling windows, an auditorium for team gatherings with seats designed to accommodate the dimensions of NFL players, a full-service kitchen and cafeteria, lounges with TV, video games, music and internet connections, and palm-read security pads that ensure privacy in sensitive team areas.

