



## Observatory

3 large LCD displays are flush mounted in the wall.

2 HD live video streams are fed to the display: the **ISS (International Space Station)**, and the **New England Aquarium**

The streams are scheduled on the screens, and can switch streams if one cuts out.

When the ISS can see Boston, a location marker is shown for Kendall Square.

The ambient engine sounds from Star Trek purr continuously, very quietly, through a hidden speaker, providing an additional sense of space and comfort.

This piece will delight visitors as well as staff at the facility, and is something to “selfie home about”. The calming effect of the piece also provides a relaxation and focus space for people. People will enjoy their time here, and tell friends about it.

Conceptually, it connects to the existing telescope piece as well as the deep history of space, computer, and bio technology in Kendal Square. The cultural connection with the New England Aquarium provides an opportunity to connect with one of the region’s landmark educational institutions. The theme and feel of the piece promotes **environmental awareness, STEM science** and world class **technology based art**.

Show above are two variations of the concept, one with rectangular screens, and one with oval porthole screen overlays to simulate the feel of a vessel.

The piece can be assembled easily from stock parts, and can be installed by January. The rectangular configuration is a simpler install, and can be configured to accommodate other content if needed in the future.

Video renderings of the piece are available at: [briankane.net/fb](http://briankane.net/fb)