build your intelligent office space with environmental systems workplace

- Underfloor HVAC
- Raised Access Floor System
- Plug ‘n Play Electrical Distribution
- Modular Carpet Tile
Environmental Systems Workplace
It just makes sense

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Benefits

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- Improved thermal comfort for individual occupants
- Improved air movement and ventilation effectiveness
- Reduced building energy use
- Lower life-cycle building costs
- Improved occupant satisfaction and the potential to increase worker productivity

Advantages for the building owner

- Cheaper to construct
- Environmentally conscious
- Energy savings
- Lower tenant turnover costs
- Higher building resale value
- Simpler solutions to complex issues involving power, local heat load and air quality

Advantages for the tenant

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Environmental Systems Workplace
Flexibility, Adaptability and Portability, all within an integrated environmental envelope.

ASM introduces

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The US Green Building Council (USGBC) has established the LEED program (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) as a system of criteria for certifying the design, construction, operation and certification of green building internationally.

The LEED Program is rapidly expanding recognition of high-performance construction. This new and growing influence is affecting change in building guidelines, and is leading to market incentives for sustainable, environmental methods.

There are four levels of LEED certification, based on a credit system:

- 23% Indoor Environmental Quality
- 20% Materials & Resources
- 27% Energy & Atmosphere
- 22% Sustainable Sites
- 8% Water Efficiency

Integrating ESW’s advantages creates a cohesive and integrated efficiency, resulting in resource conservation, waste reduction and adaptability over the life-cycles of your building.

A green building provides improved indoor environmental quality. It conserves significant material resources, and saves in maintenance and operation.

**Builder/Developer Advantages are:**
- reduction in initial construction costs
- reduction in height by as much as a foot per story
- reduction in building time - as much as 15% faster to build
- earlier rental as a result of faster building time
- flexibility of space increases rental opportunity
- adaptability of space prevents costly future renovations to respond to rapid technological changes
- raised flooring system & HVAC can be itemized as person property and depreciated as such

**Operational Advantages are:**
- reduction in HVAC plant costs
- office churn costs reduced to a quarter of conventional construction rates
- greatly reduced cost per work stallion or zone for:
  - wiring and cable reconfiguration
  - HVAC configuration
- A significant overall energy savings:
  - fan energy usage by as much as 45%
  - significant reduction in cooling energy consumption
- optimized opportunity to achieve LEED credit using underfloor HVAC and modular wiring/cabling

**Staff Advantages:**
- individual climate control through SmartAir diffusers
- overall enhancement of comfort and health as a result of improved air quality
- a quantifiable reduction in employee absenteeism as a result of the superior air quality
- measurable staff productivity gains because of a better working environment

**ASM’s ESW provides**

*significant overall energy savings*

**ASM’s Environmental Systems Workplace versus conventional construction**

**21st century construction**

ASM SmartAir Diffuser

**conventional construction**

Fresh clean air never reaches occupant zone

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**How ASM’s ESW Can Help You Achieve Certification**

- reduced energy costs
- reusable interior components
- recycled content of components
- improved air flow and ventilation
- improved interior air quality
- improved conservancy through optimized HVAC
- improved occupant thermal comfort
- increase in use of natural daylight
- flexibility promoting design innovation
Conventional office construction typically limits change of office configuration because of fixed HVAC structure, ductwork, cable conveyance, ceiling considerations and piping. ESW completely integrates the technological requirements of occupant health and comfort, and environmental efficiencies into one cost-effective and ultimately flexible system.

ESW’s Comfort Zone System delivers fresh, clean and conditioned air with minimum mixing and maximum efficiency. ESW’s underfloor HVAC allows for superior air quality, personal occupant comfort, all while lowering operating costs.

Supreme Building Technology

Building on a long and successful past in the manufacture and design of raised access flooring, ASM has developed the Environmental Systems Workplace. The latest in a long history of innovation, ASM introduces ESW - the culmination of proven technologies adapted to the demands of today’s rapidly changing work environment.
The optimal delivery of clean and conditioned air into the workspace is under the floor, delivered by a system of components so flexible it can be rearranged or added in minutes.

It can reduce the overall energy consumption of a building by up to 20%. Natural convection currents reduce fan energy use by upwards of 32%, and reduce cooling energy expenditures by 15%.

- Convection and air displacement stratify stale air at ceiling level resulting in a healthier workplace.
- Better thermostatic regulation of temperature for better comfort control.
- Fresh air displaces stale air.
- Ventilation is 150% more effective than with conventional HVAC VAV systems.
- It requires over 40% less fan energy to deliver 65°F air via ASM’s ESW plenum.

Improved Indoor Air Quality in the occupant breathing zone.
Efficient use of partially reheated bypass air.
Stratifies excess heat and pollutants more effectively.
Varying air volume supplies only enough air to meet occupant comfort, thereby reducing fan energy requirements.
Low pressure plenum requires less energy to power fan.
Diversity of the cooling load of building means air handling units and chillers can be downsized.

ASM’s “Comfort Zone” air delivery system uses raised access floor and temperature controlled zone air diffusers and grilles for ultimate air quality and comfort.

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Without costly ductwork to dismantle or replace during reconfiguration of a workspace, underfloor HVAC offers unprecedented flexibility. Air outlets are very simple to relocate.

ESW’s 100 CFM SmartAir Diffuser comes with temperature controlled actuator for ultimate personal climate control.

Variable air volume terminals help avoid the common problem of puddling of cold air in the low load areas of buildings.

ASM SmartAir Diffuser 100cfm with actuator
ASM’s PowerLink plug ‘n play electrical distribution delivers ultimate technology-friendly advantages

Modular Wiring systems provide ultimate flexibility and accessibility in terms of telecom/data services and power connection configurations.

Engineered using a completely portable “zone” approach, modular wiring can be adapted and changed easily, and without disturbances to phones, computers and power to other users on the system. Office space can be expanded or modified quickly and conveniently - a huge cost savings over the life-cycle of a building.

fully integrated and interchangeable zone management of phone, data management and power systems

JUMPER CABLES
Custom lengths are available
Businesses have responded quickly and dramatically to rapid technological changes over the last several years. Yet, building systems have been slow to accommodate these demands. Changes to conventionally constructed offices, institutions and data centers continue to be disruptive, slow and wasteful. Repairs are unnecessarily costly and labor intensive.

ESW eliminates the need for embedded wiring and provides instant access to wiring and cabling, allowing for quick and easy reconfiguration. Low cost, and no waste.

Demands of the marketplace are not limited to accommodation of voice and data technologies, however. There has been a growing trend toward environmentally friendly building, and energy efficiency. ESW takes full advantage of the principles of thermal displacement and air convection to lower operating costs and increase adaptive capacity.

Not only does ESW reduce initial construction material and labor costs, its integrated system provides ultimate zone comfort and indoor air quality for building occupants.

ESW: fully integrated, efficient, flexible, cost effective.