

## harder working spaces



The new workcafé offers comfortable lounge seating with articulating backs or stool height to change posture. Access to power in the furniture supports touchdown work or informal meetings.



Adjacent workstations support individual or group work with the swivel of a chair.



This intimate space promotes conversation in a relaxed posture with views to the outside.

### project specs

Corporate  
Toledo, OH  
14,000 sq/ft  
13<sup>th</sup> floor of headquarters  
65 employees

### solutions provided

Space planning  
Construction  
Architectural Products  
Furniture

### strategic partners

Rudolph-Libbe Group  
Thomas Porter Architects

### featured products

Move Stool by Steelcase  
Big Table by Turnstone  
Lagunitas by Coalesse  
Answer Panel System by Steelcase  
SW\_1 Seating by Coalesse  
Series 5 Height Adjustable Desk by Steelcase  
Groupworks Table by Steelcase  
Elective Elements by Steelcase  
Universal Storage by Steelcase  
Universal Tables by Steelcase  
Amia Seating by Steelcase  
Brandy Seating by Andreu World

## Hylant

### The New Rules of Engagement

Change is natural for every business. It can be disruptive or it can be transformative. When Hylant set out to reshape its corporate offices, it proved to be a catalyst to engage and re-energize team members.

Steelcase and NBS first guided Hylant management and staff through a discovery exercise. By mapping user experiences, their priorities came into focus. One was to find new ways to enhance wellbeing. A second was, with such a deep bench of experienced team members, determining how this invaluable industry knowledge could be shared organically with younger colleagues. Now the goals were clear for the NBS design team.

Giving individuals more control over where and how they work is one way to boost wellbeing. A separate, but related trend, is the merger of work spaces with social spaces. NBS integrated these two ideas to create a number of new spaces that offer a variety of seating and worksurfaces—which in turn convey choice and control. These are comfortable settings for teamwork and that all-important intergenerational learning. The new workcafé is perhaps the ultimate fusion of social space and workspace where team members can meet with colleagues or work independently in a pleasant, communal space.



Worksurface mounted screens provide separation from colleagues whether working seated or standing at this team bench. Wellbeing is supported through access to natural light, choice and control to change posture when needed and greater connection to peers.

Another important concept in the redesign is the correlation between movement and wellbeing. A little mobility can go a long way. Besides alternate workspaces, height-adjustable desks were provided for all 65 employees. Sit or stand, team members have one more option to get comfortable and be productive.

While engagement and productivity are driving issues for employers, a healthy work life is a growing issue for employees. Designing an environment that responds to both is the challenge—and one that NBS and Hylant accomplished beautifully.

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Teams can create, share and present information in this meeting space with or without the use of technology.



Private office supports conversation with others as well as focus work while seated or standing.