

# Evolving Design... From Drab to Fab!

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- Charles Eames

Everyday we receive various projects of different calibers. Everything from one private office to a multiple floor job. Some clients just want the quickest and cheapest product without understanding quality and the effects that products may have on a company and on an individual employee. Office Furniture may seem like a minuscule detail to some but to others

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Design is changing and evolving everyday, but so is technology. Without a program like CET Designer, to get from start to finish of a project is near impossible these days. This program was a key component to help engage the client to view upcoming design trends. It helped them to understand the workplace and how different products can be used together to create cohesive spaces. The client was able to see the bigger picture. They strayed from large single user workstations that populated the whole floor to spaces that exhibited collaboration, innovative thinking, and overall employee well- being.

We have been working with this particular client for around 4 years. Their scope is to slowly modernize their two NYC buildings as well as all other locations that are out of state. They have seen the industry shift year after year. With open arms they have been able to adopt new designs into their evolving spaces. Not only through their selection of finishes but also looking into more ergonomic product selections to better the health of their employees.



## EXISTING STANDARDS



## EXISTING FLOOR PLAN TYPE



## THE PROBLEM

The main problems faced were because of products becoming discontinued little by little. Each time this happened a substitute had to be proposed. After a while, Specials had to be placed to achieve the existing standard which became costly. The existing company standard also had a dated color palette that did not illustrate the companies mission statement.

### Some elements to note from the existing standard:

- High Panels
- Discontinued finishes
- Discontinued Storage Components that needed to be custom.
- Fixed worksurfaces.
- Ample amounts of Storage
- Outdated ancillary products that do not promote collaboration in a team environment

## CREATING A DYNAMIC WORKPLACE

Through collaboration and our CET software we were able to come up with new furniture standards based off of current furniture trends.

### New Elements Adopted:

- Lower Panels
- Smaller workstation Footprint
- Less storage
- Height Adj. Tables
- Functional Collaborative areas
- Updated Finish Palette
- Open Address Workstation concept



