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## Holabird & Root Chicago, Illinois

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### Client Space

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Holabird & Root is a household name in Chicago, having designed some of the city's greatest landmarks and earliest skyscrapers. When it became time to move into a new space, it seemed natural that it should be in the historic Marquette Building, considered by many to be the ideal of the Chicago School style.



“The system is working as we hoped,” offers associate principal Ernest Wagner. “It allows us to change team sizes and configurations easily whenever the need arises. The teaming stations, which we didn’t have in our last space, have been very successful in enabling spontaneous group work and problem solving.”

After more than four decades in its previous corporate home, Holabird & Root was moving to a new space in one of its own historic buildings. The Marquette Building, built in 1895 and restored in 2006, was chosen to house the new headquarters. The building, recognized as a National Historic Landmark, is noted for its forward-looking frame and ornate interior. The challenge was to develop a space that supported the workstyles of 100-plus architects, interior designers, engineers, and graphic illustrators. In addition, the new environment had to respect the landmark’s architecture and reflect the innovative, sophisticated style that exemplifies the firm today.

First among Holabird & Root’s priorities was to provide an adaptable, flexible space that encouraged collaboration. One of the key advantages this firm offers each client is an integrated cross-discipline team. By ensuring that planners, architects, and engineers work closely from the earliest stages of an engagement, issues can be addressed before they become problems.

Haworth’s Compose system and LifeSPACE moveable walls immediately grabbed the designers’ attention. These adaptable workspace solutions not only allow people to move as team assignments change, but they let the firm readily reconfigure workspaces as needs evolve. In addition, the products are scaled to provide

an open, airy feeling that encourages creativity throughout the studio. The look is contemporary and clean—and finishes are fully integrated for a cohesive interior environment.

Interestingly, the product that may have had the greatest impact on the decision to partner with Haworth is underfoot. The new space was encumbered by decades of old flooring—layer upon layer of carpet, wood, and tile. Haworth presented its TecCrete raised flooring as a clean base for the space that also saved money by allowing power and data to be run under the floor.

Once the core product decisions were made, the complete Haworth solution was extended to flexible products such as side tables and file cabinets that can be moved as needed. Dedicated teaming stations are integrated into the overall plan. For continuity, custom ebony double-cut veneer doors and millwork matched the finish selected for the reception desk and LifeSPACE walls. Throughout the space, light permeates into the core, through the glazed wall panels. Not only do these adaptable products qualify as furniture for tax and budgeting purposes, they also contribute to the LEED® certification being sought for the space.



\* Please note that some products shown are not manufactured by Haworth.

### Customer Profile

Since 1880, Holabird & Root has been known for its groundbreaking architectural designs. Many of its turn-of-the-century skyscrapers and civic buildings remain Chicago landmarks, including the Marquette Building, Chicago City Hall, Palmolive Building, Chicago Board of Trade, Monadnock Building, Palmer House hotel, the original Soldier Field shell, and more. Today, Holabird & Root provides full-service planning, architecture, interiors, LEED assessment, and engineering services with a focus on well-reasoned design, innovation, and sustainability.

### Haworth Product

- Systems Furniture: Compose®
- Desks, Files & Storage: X Series®
- Seating: Zody® and X99®
- Tables & Conference Furniture: **if**®\*
- Wood Furniture: Masters Series®
- Moveable Walls: LifeSPACE®
- Access Flooring: TecCrete®

\*Updated Haworth products now available.

**Architect & Design Firm:** Holabird & Root – Chicago, Illinois

**Haworth Flooring Contractor:** Bravo Interiors – Chicago, Illinois

**Haworth Furniture Dealer:** Kayhan International – Schaumburg, Illinois

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