An enduring response to change

Over the past half-century, two things have remained constant: Work continues to change and Action Office makes it simple for you to manage that change. From the introduction of computers to new understandings of the importance of choice and variety in the workplace, Action Office has helped individuals and organizations adapt.

For the individual, the Action Office system of interchangeable components can be configured to support two fundamental needs—privacy and what designer Robert Propst called involvement: “...to be...part of the family of activity.” For the organization, Action Office provides return on investment through simple specification, installation, configuration, management, and updating.
Practical

Action Office provides you with a return on investment through its long-term use, durability, low cost, and ability to update easily. The interchangeable panels and components fit together perfectly, and reusability of components has always been a criterion for enhancements.

Economical

Versatile and hardworking, Action Office offers exceptional value. It’s a straightforward, hassle-free solution—easy to understand and order, quick to install, and simple to reconfigure.
Walls that have some transparency provide a necessary balance between privacy and openness; lower walls make it easy to transition from heads-down to collaborative work.

Proven

Propst’s design for Action Office provided easy and ongoing revision—one that would keep pace with work as it evolved. Decades later, the world’s first open-plan office solution continues to be relevant and responsive, a proven performer that can support individual and collaborative work.

About Robert Propst and Jack Kelley

Robert Propst devoted his career to researching complex issues and developing new, large-scale systems to improve and simplify people’s lives. His studies of how the world of work operates led him to conclude that the office “...saps vitality, blocks talent, frustrates accomplishment.” Propst’s answer was Action Office, a bold departure from the norm that fit the way people really worked.

Designer Jack Kelley, inventor of the mouse pad, worked side by side with Propst throughout the 1960s and early 1970s and played a pivotal role in the design of many Action Office components.
Details

Components
Materials

A variety of materials options allows you to tailor Action Office to your unique needs. Visit hermanmiller.com/materials to see representational samples of our complete materials offering for Action Office.

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