



Commercial Furniture Industry Adapts to Changing Workplace Demands

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Office design is continuing to evolve as employers reconsider how physical workplaces should support employees who divide their time among focused work, meetings, collaboration, and social interaction. Recent research from the Gensler Research Institute offers a closer look at that shift, while commercial furniture providers such as Midwest Commercial Interiors are helping organizations evaluate how furniture and workplace layouts fit changing patterns of use.

The Gensler Research Institute's 2026 Global Workplace Survey surveyed more than 16,000 full-time office workers across 16 countries and found that learning and social connection are becoming increasingly important elements of the workplace experience. The findings reflect a broader move away from offices designed around a single work mode and toward environments that accommodate a variety of activities throughout the day.

That change has practical implications for businesses planning or updating office interiors. A workplace may need private areas for focused tasks, as well as conference rooms, informal meeting spaces, training areas, reception areas, and other places where employees can gather. Furniture selection becomes part of that

planning process because different activities can call for different configurations, levels of privacy, and types of furnishings.

Midwest Commercial Interiors represents commercial contract furniture manufacturers for organizations evaluating those requirements. The company's website identifies a portfolio of more than 300 brands and manufacturers, including Steelcase, Coalesse, AMQ, Bolia, EMU, Extremis, FLOS, Moooi, and Orangebox. The range provides commercial clients with access to furniture manufacturers serving diverse workplace settings and applications.

The company also has an established relationship with Steelcase. Steelcase's authorized dealer directory lists Midwest Commercial Interiors as an authorized Steelcase dealer at its Salt Lake City location. Midwest Commercial Interiors identifies itself as Utah's only authorized Steelcase dealer; because the exclusivity claim is company-specific, organizations can verify the dealership relationship through Steelcase's dealer directory.

For businesses considering commercial furniture in Utah, these distinctions can matter when projects involve multiple types of workspaces. An office renovation, relocation, or expansion may require furnishings for individual workstations, conference rooms, collaborative areas, executive offices, reception areas, and training environments. Selecting products from multiple manufacturers can allow furniture decisions to be made according to each space's requirements.

Gensler's 2025 Global Workplace Survey provides additional context. Based on responses from more than 16,800 office workers across 15 countries, the research examined how people spend their time in the workplace and the types of spaces that support individual and group activities. The research found that employees were spending more time working with others in person, while time spent working alone was declining. Those findings underscore the importance of workplace environments that accommodate both collective and individual tasks.

For commercial interiors professionals, the trend means furniture planning increasingly intersects with broader questions about how space is used. A conference table, workstation, lounge setting, or private enclosure is not simply a standalone furnishing. Its placement and configuration can affect how a room functions and how employees interact with it during the workday.

Midwest Commercial Interiors works within that changing environment by representing commercial contract furniture manufacturers and assisting organizations with furniture considerations for professional spaces. The company's product portfolio includes manufacturers serving office, hospitality, education, and other commercial applications, according to information published on its website.

As workplace expectations continue to change, businesses have more reason to evaluate whether existing furniture and layouts still align with how their spaces are actually used. Research from the Gensler Research Institute provides one perspective on those changes, while manufacturers and commercial furniture dealers remain part of the process of translating workplace requirements into physical environments.

More information about Midwest Commercial Interiors and its represented manufacturers is available at <https://www.midwestcommercialinteriors.com/>. The company provides commercial contract furniture for organizations in Utah and represents more than 300 brands and manufacturers. Steelcase lists Midwest Commercial Interiors as an authorized dealer through its national dealer directory.

Midwest Commercial Interiors is a commercial contract furniture representative based in Salt Lake City, Utah. The company represents manufacturers serving a range of commercial environments and applications, with a portfolio of more than 300 brands. Its website provides information about its products, represented brands, and commercial furniture services.

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