


Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District Milwaukee, WI

Building Owner: Milwaukee Metropolitan
Sewerage District
Architect: Leigh Zarse, A/E, MMSD
General Contractor: Selzer-Ornst
Company
Facility Manager: Nancy Plichta
Size of Installation: 3,800 lineal feet
Product: ULTRAWALL® Relocatable
Partition System



The term "government office" often brings to mind a dull, dreary place with antiquated furnishings, cubbyhole style workstations and bland, neutral colors. But that's not the case in the newly built offices of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD). There, a savvy architectural and design team put their heads together to come up with a headquarters facility that is efficient, cost-effective — and attractive.

The 4-story, 50,000-sq. ft. building houses the District's engineering, financial, legal and executive departments, as well as conference rooms and administrative support areas. According to Leigh Zarse, Project Engineer with MMSD, the planning team decided to make the new facility as flexible as possible to accommodate what they felt would be ongoing changes in the District. That's why they specified USC Interiors' ULTRAWALL relocatable partition system for use in the project.

"All of the offices are planned for change," reports Zarse. "It's the rule rather than the exception. With this relocatable system, as people need to move, we can change the configuration — overnight, if necessary. The whole system is designed for flexibility."

The 24" gypsum panels are covered in custom vinyl and finished with trim components in ULTRABRONZE anodized aluminum. Panels are 9-ft. 6-in. high and incorporate universal aluminum studs, where required, to accept most major brands of hang-on wall furniture. According to Zarse, the ULTRAWALL system, while attractive in appearance, also offered other, functional perks.

"The STC value is very good," says Zarse. "When doors to the offices are closed, you don't hear any sound from room to room. The system also has a very good fire rating."

Clearly, the ULTRAWALL system's tested performance and practical good looks are proof positive that this government office is far more than a just a dreary bunker of a workplace: it's a cost-effective, versatile and attractive space that does the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District proud.

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