

ALLSTEEL PRODUCES ERGONOMICS HANDBOOK

Workplace Ergonomic and Design Issues Prompt Allsteel to Create Ergonomic Reference Guide

Muscatine, Iowa – *November, 2006* — According to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration, American workers lose nearly 650,000 workdays annually due to work-related musculoskeletal disorders. These lost workdays cost employers between \$15 and \$20 billion in workers' compensation costs – which is one of the reasons why Allsteel, a leading contract furniture designer and manufacturer, has introduced an ergonomics handbook.

'Ergonomics and Design: A Reference Guide' is intended to help facility managers, designers and office furniture decision makers understand how ergonomic theory can guide them in choosing the correct product for their needs. There are many different ergonomic theories used to develop products that solve common workplace problems, and Allsteel's handbook helps clarify the approach and application of several of these concepts and methodologies.

With the introduction of the ergonomics handbook, Allsteel hopes to better prepare professionals to evaluate products that can help make users more comfortable and productive, and to guide them in applying these principles in their own work environments.

The extensive handbook includes information on Anthropometric measurements, common workplace posture and motion analysis, office furniture guidelines for optimum fit and function, universal design considerations, a glossary of terms and even a 'product design ergonomics 101' section.

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To request a copy of the handbook, contact ergonomics@allsteeloffice.com. To learn more about Allsteel's approach to ergonomics, visit www.allsteeloffice.com/ergo.

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