

UNDERFLOOR SERVICE DISTRIBUTION

by Tate Access Floors

Rand Corporate Headquarters
Santa Monica, CA

OWNER OCCUPIED PROJECT

253,000 gross sq. ft.
5 stories

PRODUCTS USED:

ConCore 1250
Modular Wiring
Underfloor Air System



Subject

RAND CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS

The RAND Corporation, one of the world's leading research institutions for more than 50 years, has relocated about 1,000 staff members to its new headquarters building in Santa Monica, Calif., signaling an important new step in the nonprofit organization's evolution.

Four principles guided the creation of the new headquarters: 1) stimulate and inspire creativity in research and education; 2) promote efficient interaction among different parts of the organization; 3) demonstrate corporate commitment to conservation of natural, client, and institutional resources; and 4) enable effective adaptation to change. These principles reflect the ways RAND staff look to their physical surroundings to support their work. On top of these considerations, RAND wanted its new headquarters qualified for a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design rating.

Most striking of its elements to qualify are the vented windows and "fins" to deflect afternoon sunlight. Less noticeable but most important is the underfloor air conditioning and heating system. "It's more efficient since individuals can control their own vents, and the concrete floor helps keep it cool," architect Palacios said. "It also puts the air where it's needed, at employee level", he added. The underfloor modular wiring provides the flexibility and adaptation to change that Rand was looking for. In their quest for LEED certification, RAND selected carpet and furniture with high-recycled content. Tate Access Floors underfloor service distribution, whose system conforms to three of the five LEED credit categories, will also provide assistance in achieving this goal.



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Santa Fe Springs, CA

ARCHITECTURAL FIRM

DMJM Design
Los Angeles, CA

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

Turner Construction
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Modular Wiring provided by:
Communications Integrators, Inc.
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