



### **Herman Miller Highlights Energy Efficiency and Flexibility at NeoCon East 2009**

Herman Miller, Inc., will bring together at NeoCon East an array of recently introduced products designed to promote both energy efficiency and flexibility within work environments.

The products will be on display in Booth 2209 at the Baltimore Convention Center, October 28-29, 2009.

Central to the Herman Miller exhibit is the Energy Manager—a proprietary device that senses occupancy and controls power in the company's systems furniture to save energy and lower costs.

It controls two of the four circuits of power in a cluster of workstations.

When a person sits down to work, an occupancy sensor detects their presence and turns on the devices in the cluster plugged into those two circuits—task lights, printers, monitors, or chargers.

When the cluster is unoccupied, the devices automatically turn off.

Todd Thompson, advanced business development manager at Herman Miller, explains that this is the best time for facility managers and designers to consider Energy Manager, since the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 includes measures to enhance energy independence.

"ARRA provides an unprecedented platform for us to discuss energy efficiency," says Thompson.

"Plug load and overhead lighting consume a significant percentage of electrical energy in a facility.

Energy Manager can reduce that percentage by turning off lights and electronics when they aren't in use."