

EXHIBIT 6
Office Space

Popular comic strips such as *Dilbert* portray today's workplace as a soulless sea of shrinking cubicles. And statistics show office space per worker—calculated as total building floor space divided by total workers therein—has, indeed, fallen over the past decade. But is today's work environment worse than yesteryear's in terms of space?

Industrial Age assembly line workers had little room in which to work, and even office personnel were generally crowded into tight, shared spaces. In an economy that produced largely material goods, space was reserved for huge inventories of parts or finished products. Today's economy, however, often produces, transforms and moves information, which requires relatively little space. So it's not surprising that statistics on office space show declines over the past few years.

Moreover, while cubicle life has proliferated since its debut in 1968, it falls far short in representing the way all Americans work all of the time. Rather than becoming more homogenized, today's workplace increasingly extends to varied surroundings. Thanks to computers, e-mail and cell phones, a growing number of Americans are working outside the traditional office, at home or—for the especially lucky—from the golf course or beach. Even today's long-haul truckers don't have it so bad, with a hotel room and office in the cab.

