

# The AstroPower Headquarters Newark, Delaware



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# Presentation Outline

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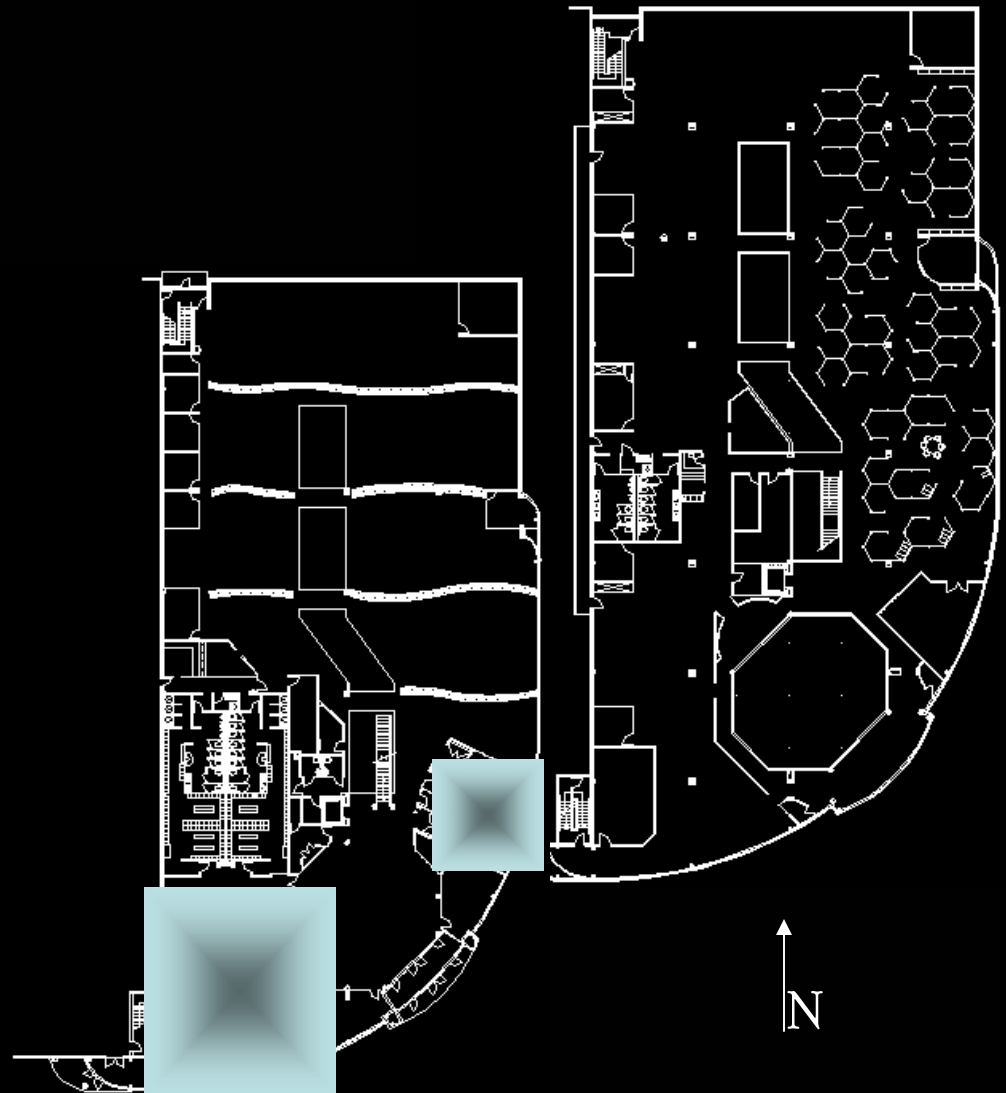
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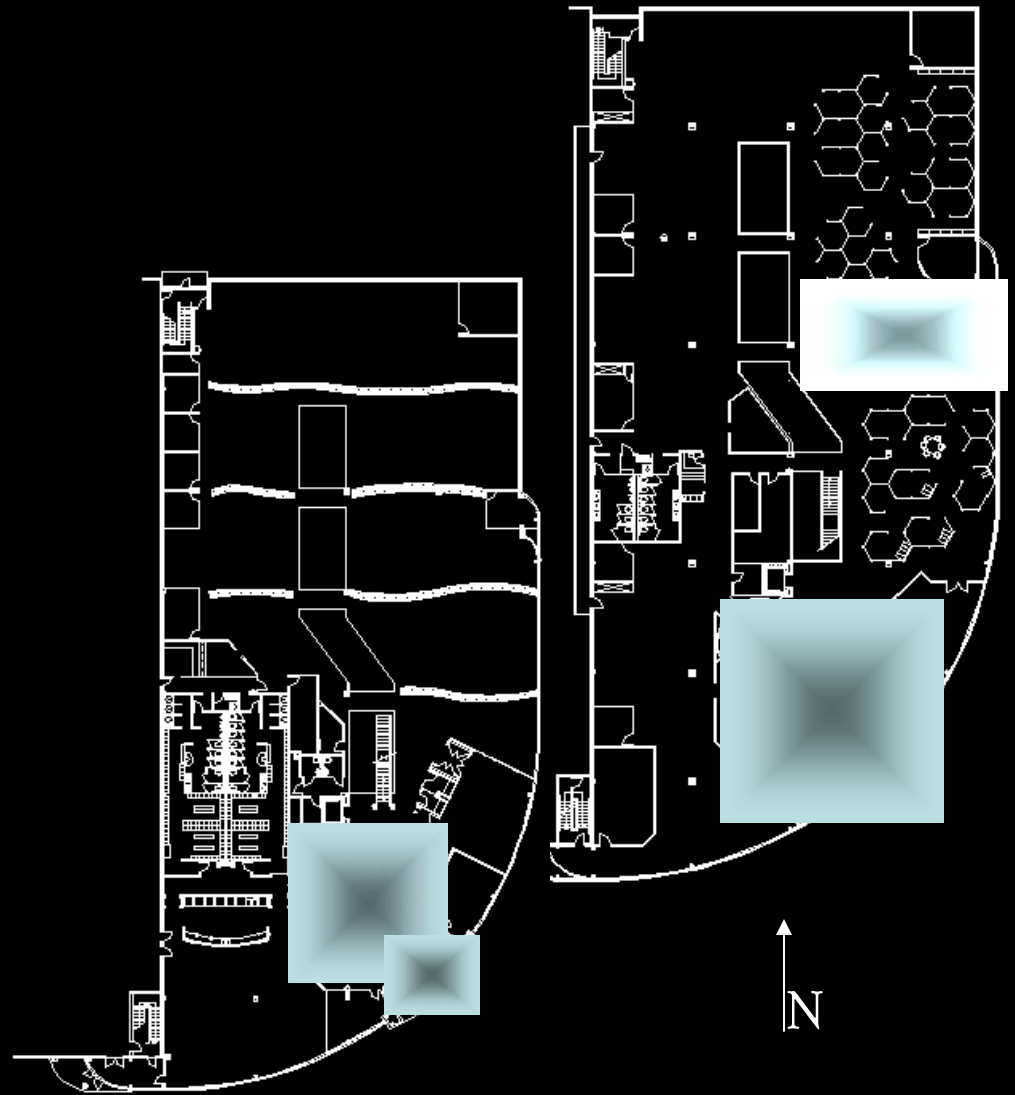
Lobby Atrium

Open Office Area

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AstroPower is one of the world's fastest-growing solar electric power companies involved in many innovative new solar projects. Their headquarters in Newark, Delaware, was constructed to creatively demonstrate AstroPower's commitment to bringing the benefits of clean renewable energy to the environment.

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Newark, Delaware is located in the North East region of the United States. Surrounded by major cities such as Wilmington, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington D.C., and New York, along with the fact that it lies close to the Chesapeake Bay, the location is optimum for easy accessibility by all clients or customers that would like to visit the Headquarters.

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## Project Team

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### Architect

Bernardon, Haber, Halloway Architects PC

### Owner/Developer

McConnell Development, Inc.

### Structural Engineer

O'Donnell, Naccarato, & MacIntosh

### Mechanical/Electrical Engineer

Bruce E. Brooks & Associates

### Fire Protection

Bear Industries, Inc.

### Interior Designer

Bernardon, Haber, Halloway Architects PC

### General Contractor

Commonwealth Constructive Company

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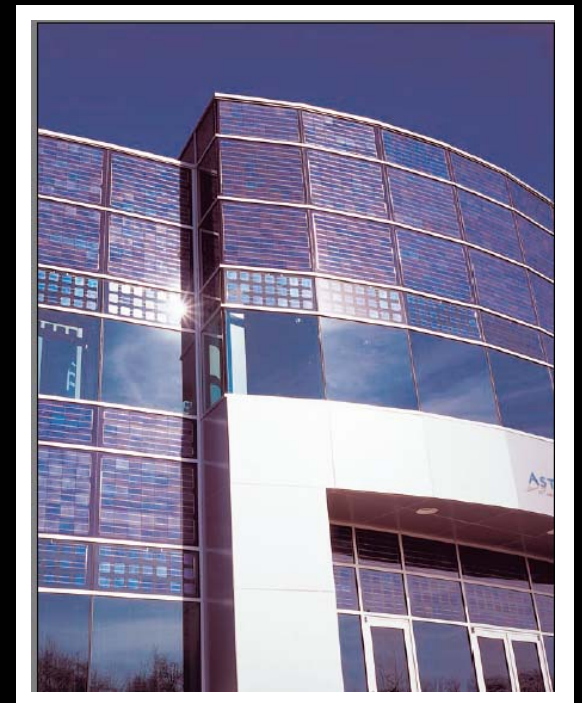
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-Building used to manufacture, sell, and represent the solar panels.

-Situated to face the southeast, a Green Design guideline.

-Exterior covered in the blue/green solar panels that are manufactured inside.

-Interior has an abundance of daylight.



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## Project Design Goals

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-To keep the idea of solar panels constant throughout the interior of the building

-To incorporate the color blue to mimic the sky, or natural elements

-Have a new lighting design that works with the building's daylighting influence

-To provide an energy efficient design

-To maintain the same goals in all spaces of redesign

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## Project Design Criteria

-To satisfy the minimum illuminance levels recommended by the IESNA.

-To maintain lighting power densities at or lower than the required ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-1999 values.

-To consider glare, illuminance distribution, and color appearance.

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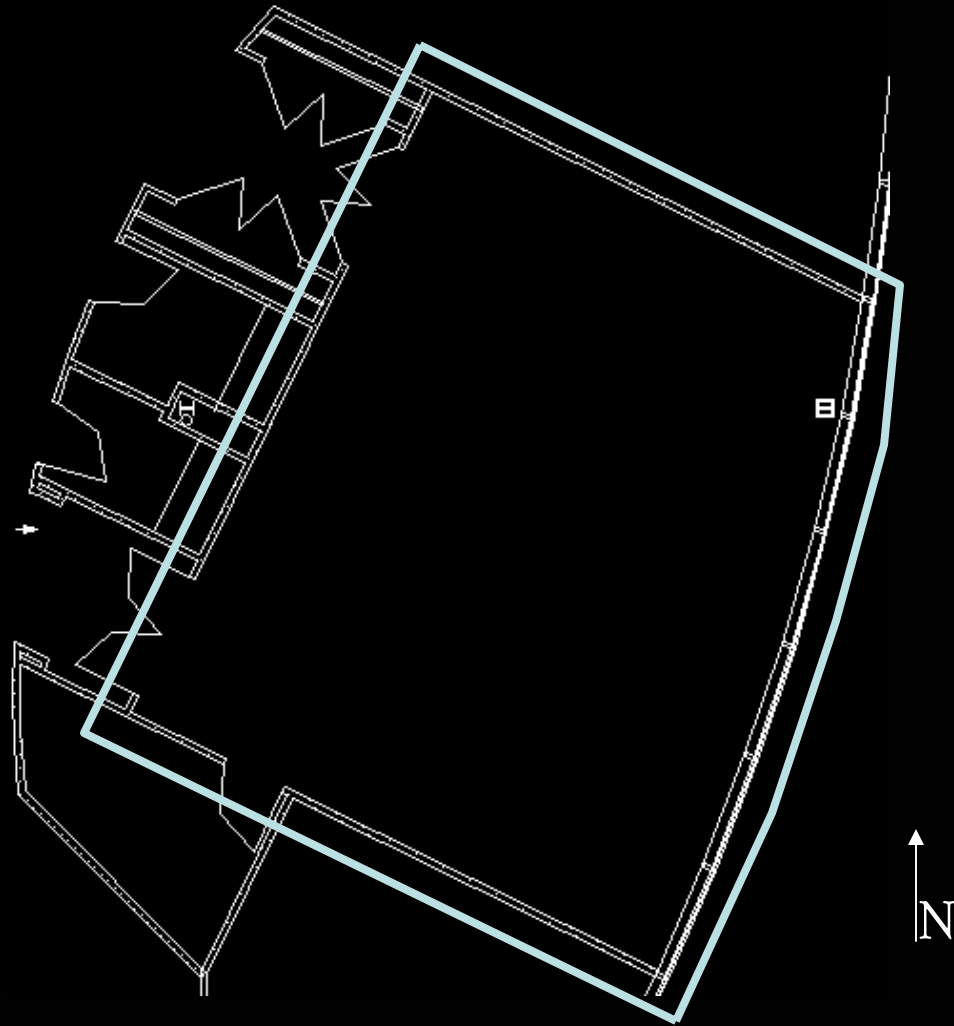
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- To accentuate the architectural cove above the table.
- To provide an even wallwash over solar panels hung on the interior walls, with a blue tint.
- To create a visually interesting space.

## Design Criteria

- To have an evenly lit table surface for writing and reading.
- Illuminance values of 50 fc horizontal, 5 fc vertical.
- Power allowance of 1.5 watts/ft<sup>2</sup>.
- To allow for flexibility of lighting control system.

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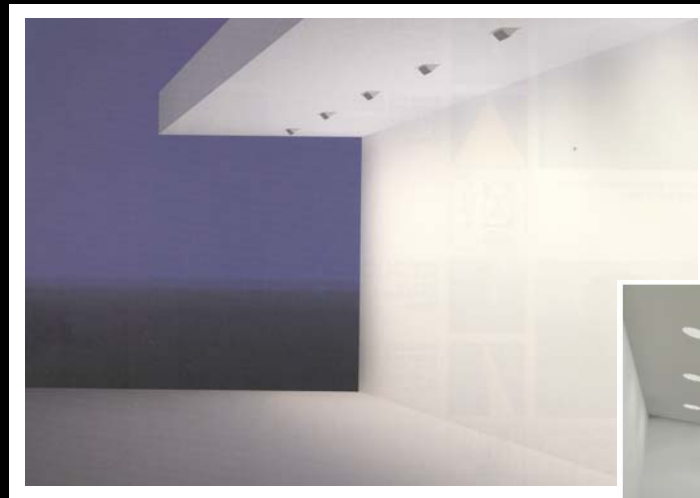
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-Cove Lighting

-Fluorescent downlights over table surface

-Wallwashers around room perimeter





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## Luminaire Layout

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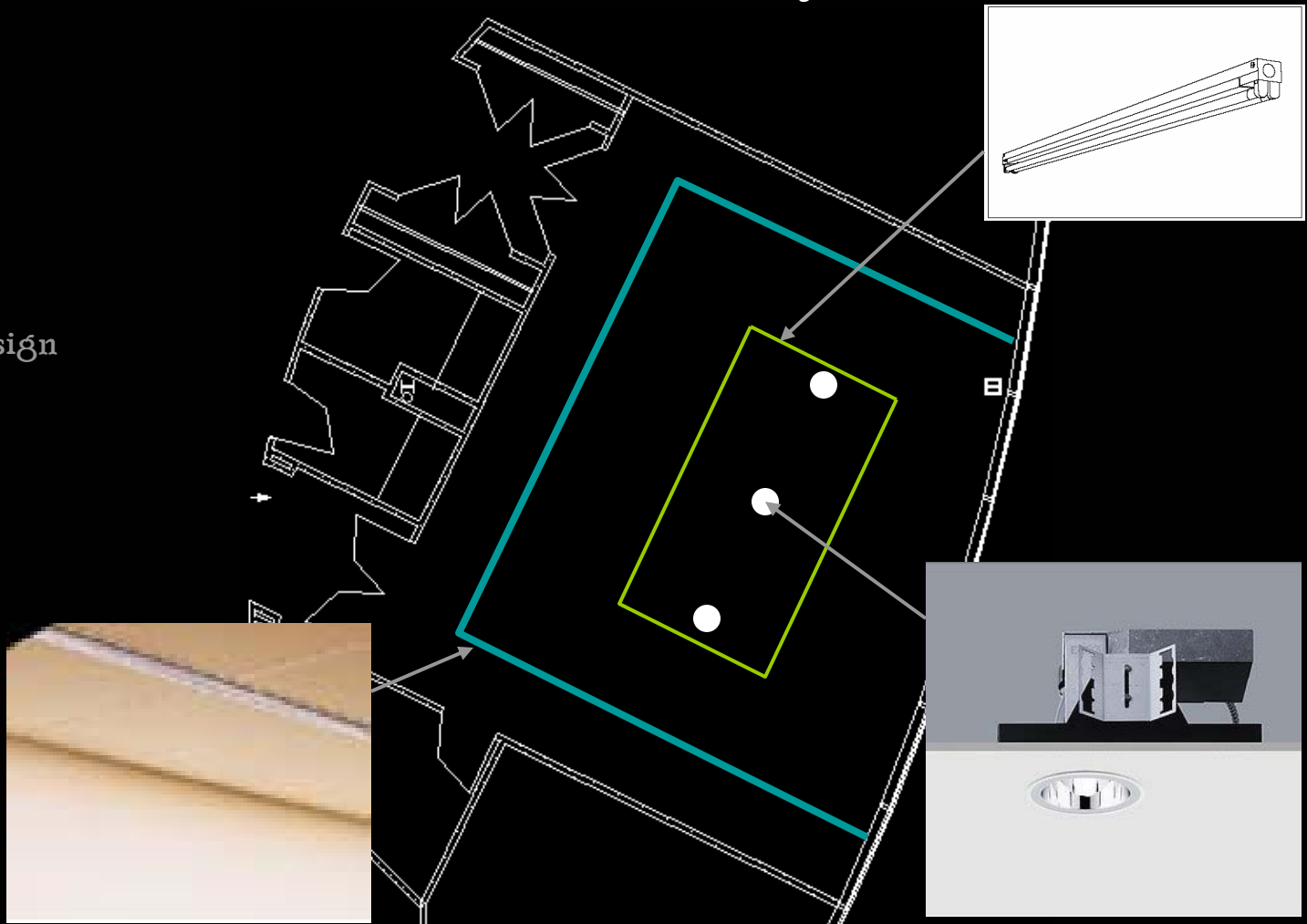
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## System Controls



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A control system will be implemented for three different user controlled settings:

-General Meeting environment

-Audio/Visual Presentation environment

-Midday Meeting environment (for use with high daylight)

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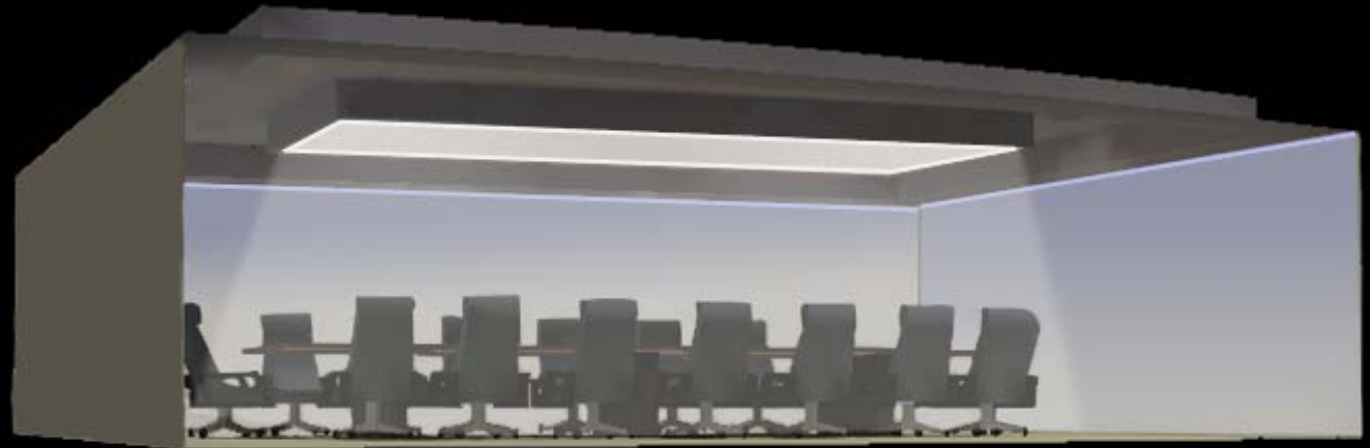
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Photoshop rendering of blue tinted wallwashers (solar panels not shown)

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Fixture	Lamp Watts	# of Lamps	Input Watts	# Used	Total Wattage
A	28	1	28	18	504
B	24	2	24	12	288
C	20	1	20	3	60
Total Wattage (W)					852
Total Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )					648.8
Power Density (W/ft <sup>2</sup> )					1.313

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## Illuminance Rendering

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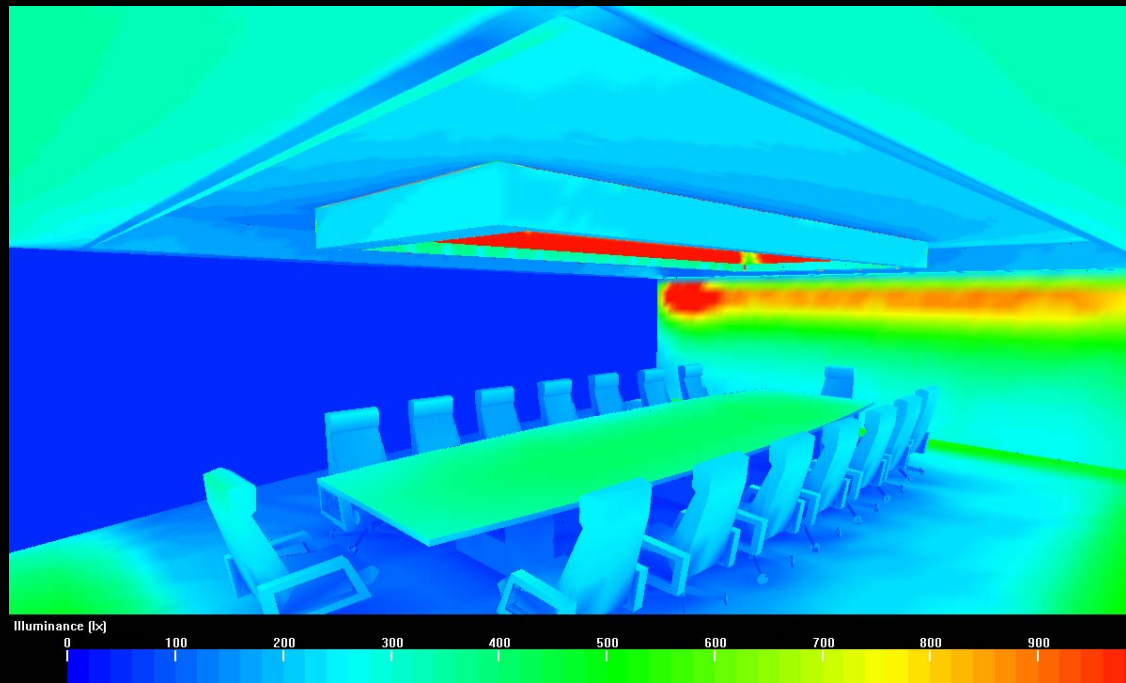
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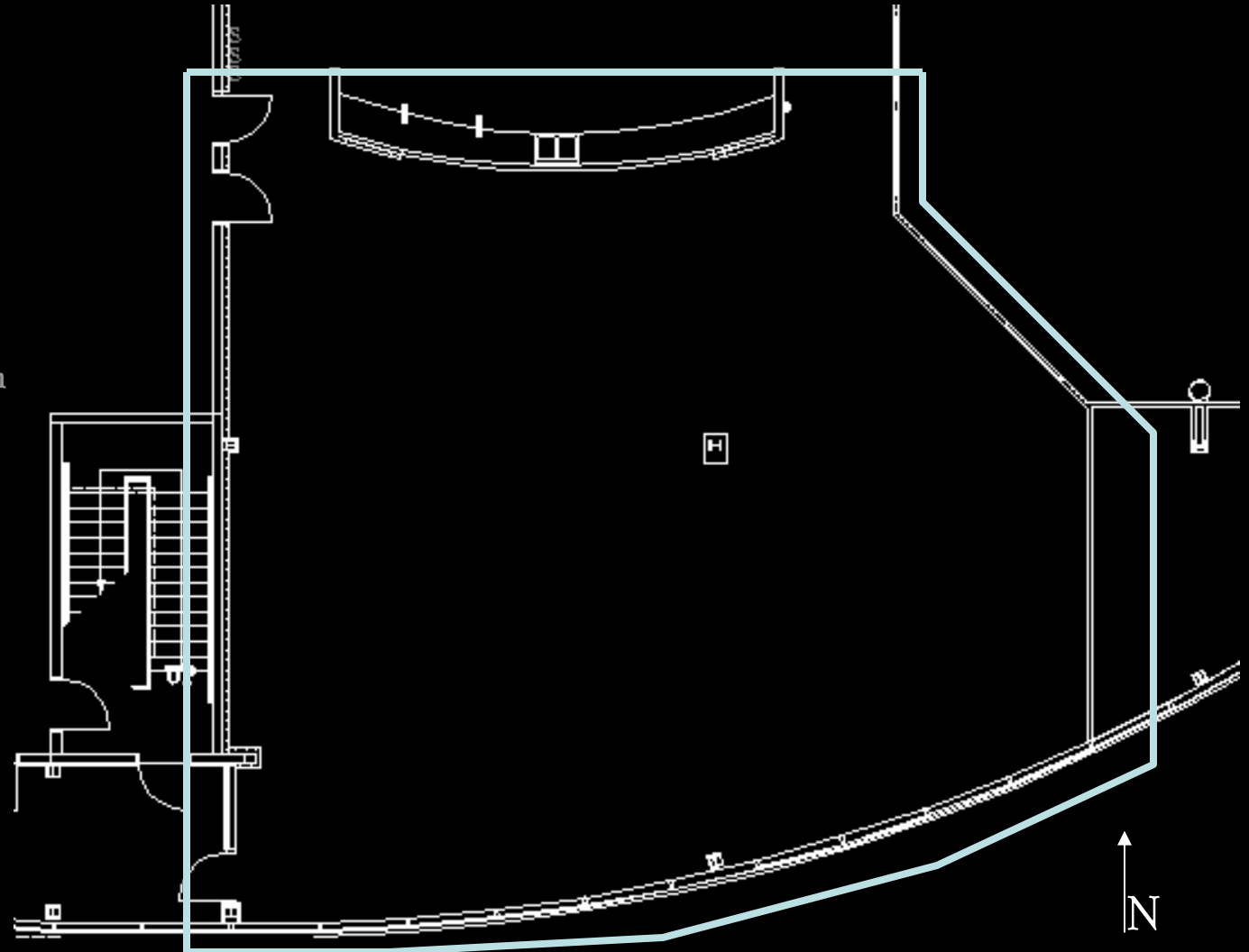
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- To take advantage of the architectural pieces, such as the curved wall at the north end of the room.
- To provide adequate light over the table surfaces, without too much glare or reflectance on faces.
- To create a visually interesting space by incorporating color to the space.
- To make the space more of a romantic place people would like to gather.

## Design Criteria

- To have an adequately lit area for walking as well as ample light on table surfaces.
  - Illuminance values of 20-30 fc horizontal.
  - Power allowance of 1.4 watts/ft<sup>2</sup>
- To allow for flexibility of lighting control system.

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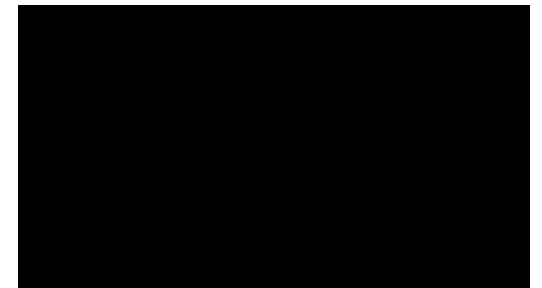
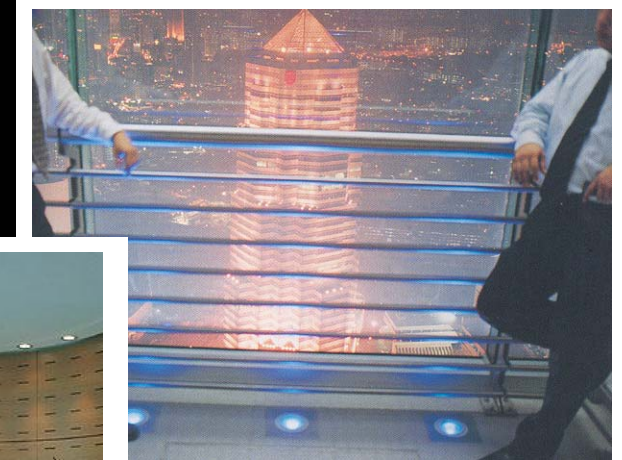
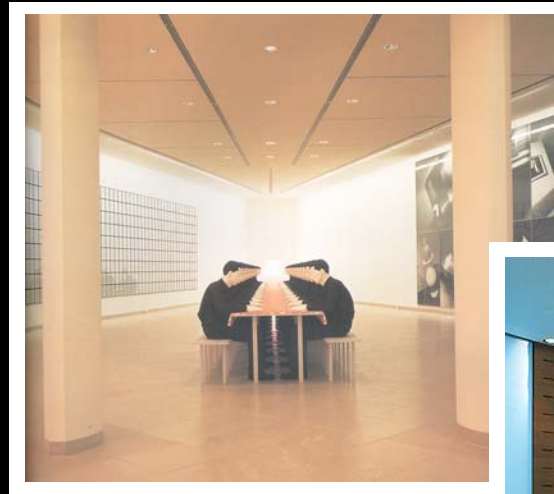
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- Wallwashers around the room perimeter
- Blue L.E.D.s around the curved walls and by columns
- Fixed fluorescent pendant downlights on table surfaces



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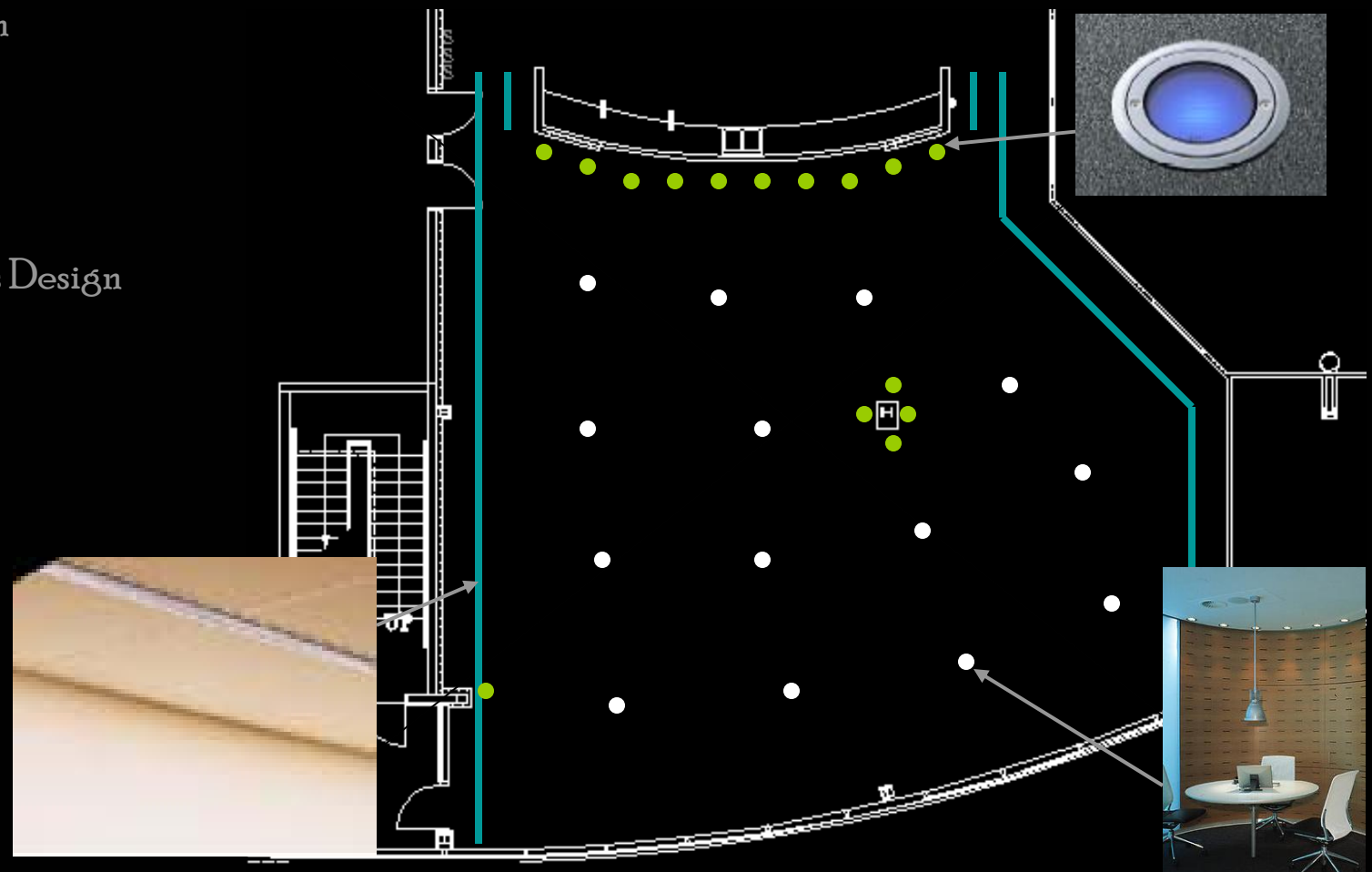
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A control system will be implemented for three different user controlled settings:

-Morning/Afternoon Dining (for use with high daylight)

-Evening/Reception Environment (for a more romantic setting with low daylight)

-Unoccupied/Night light

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Fixture	Lamp Watts	# of Lamps	Input Watts	# Used	Total Wattage
A	28	1	28	26	728
D	39	1	39	14	546
E	26	1	26	14	364
Total Wattage (W)					1638
Total Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )					1900
Power Density (W/ft <sup>2</sup> )					0.862

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## Illuminance Rendering

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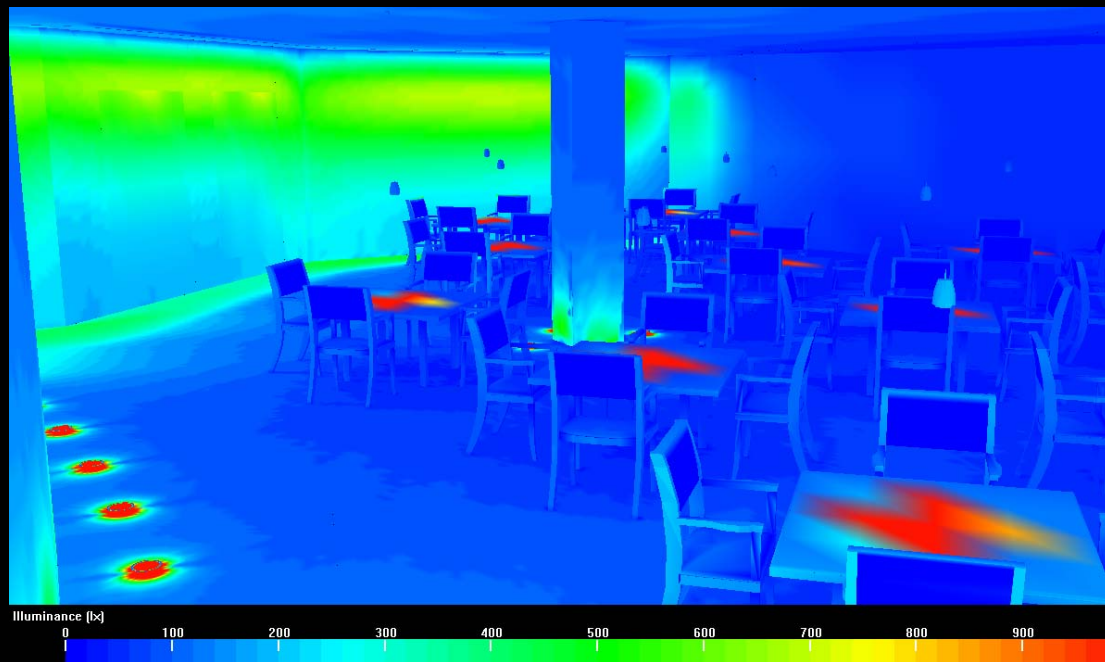
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With rapidly changing technology, an up-to-date telecommunications network infrastructure is needed for a company to keep up with their competitors.

Two new telecommunications rooms will be added to the AstroPower Headquarters. Each will be equipped with a data rack and risers to link to the new Cabinets and Equipment in the Second Floor room. Using Category 6 plenum-rated cable, with a copper and multi-mode fiber backbone, a new network will be developed for the AstroPower Office.

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## First Floor Plan I – Network Infrastructure

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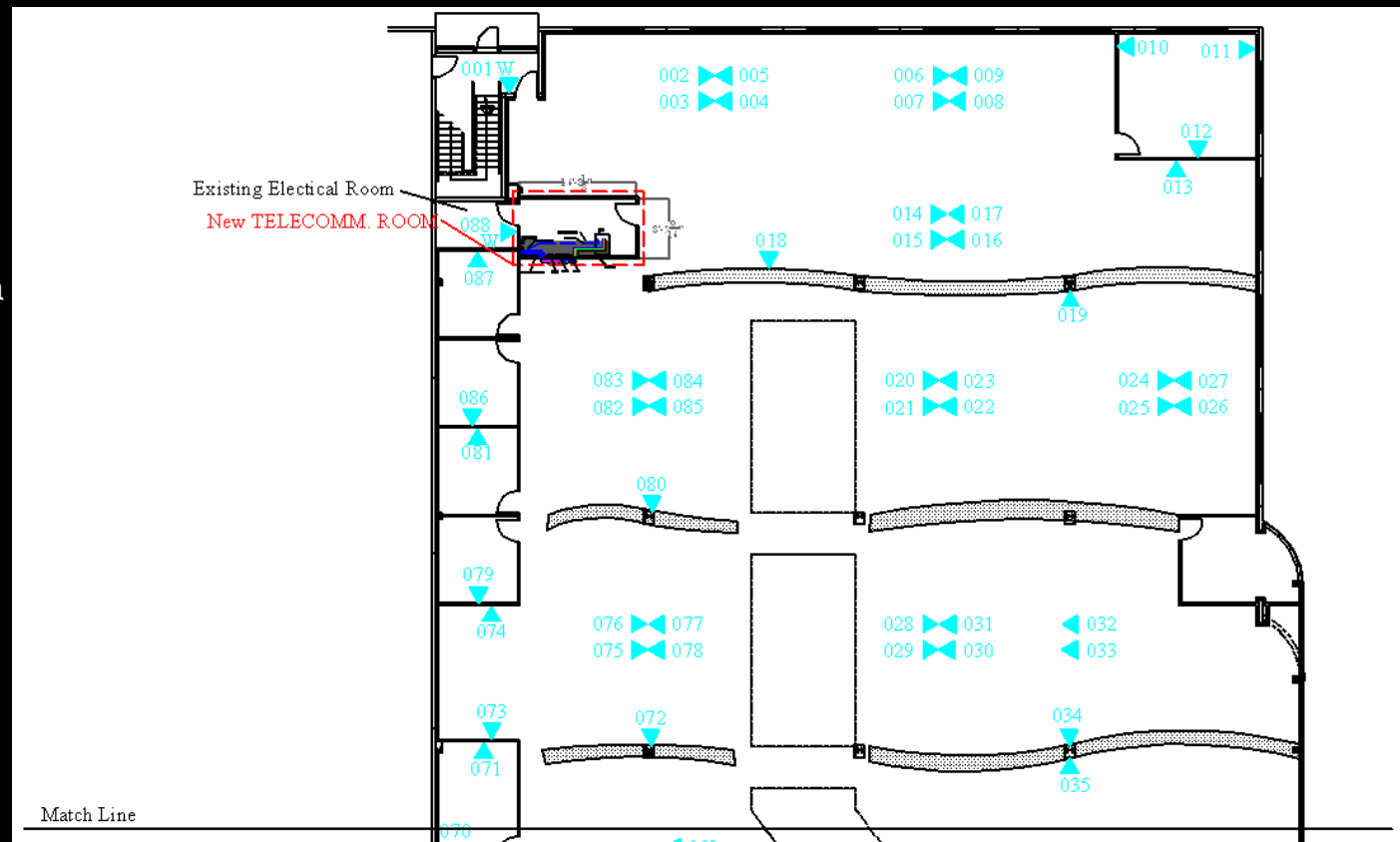
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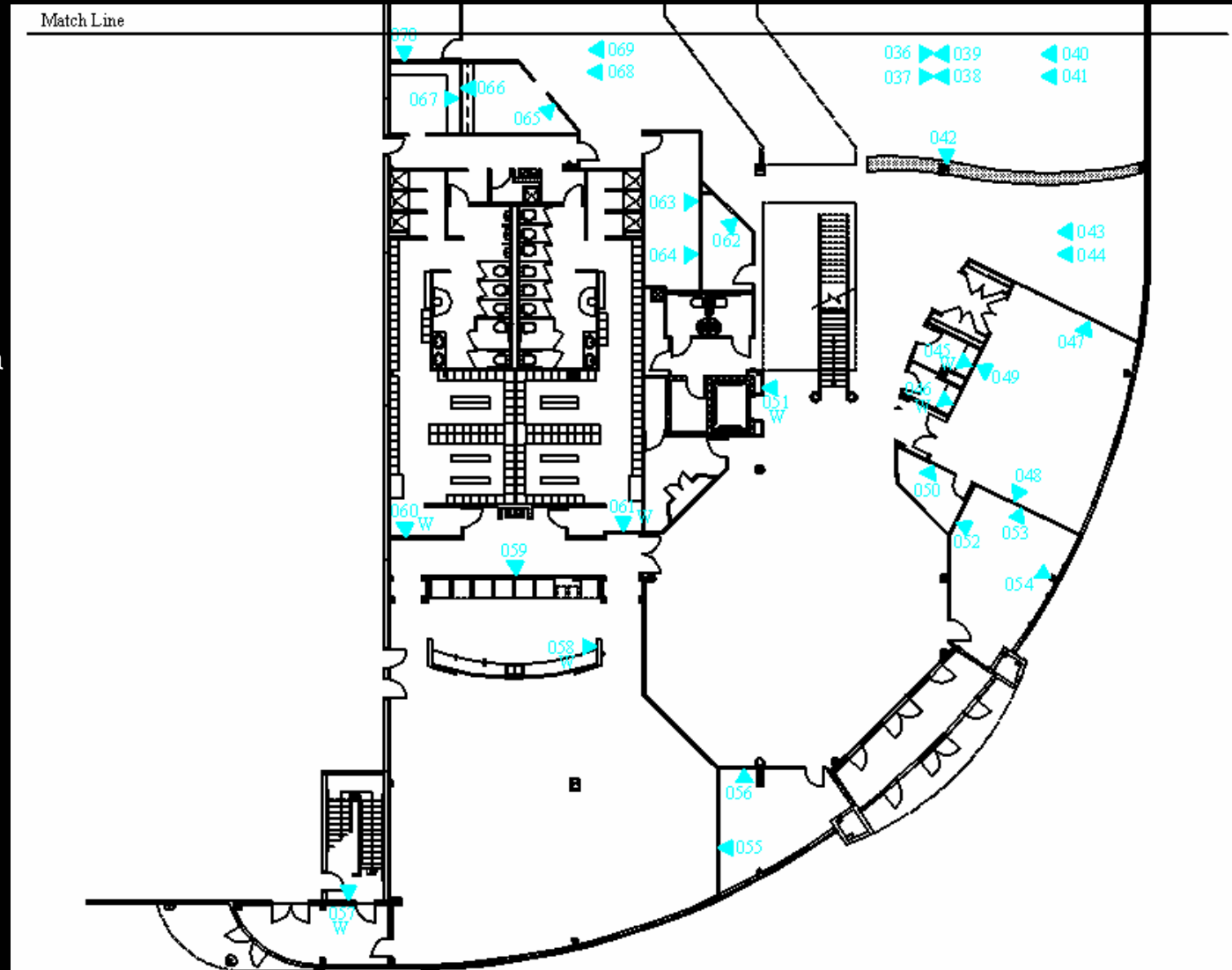




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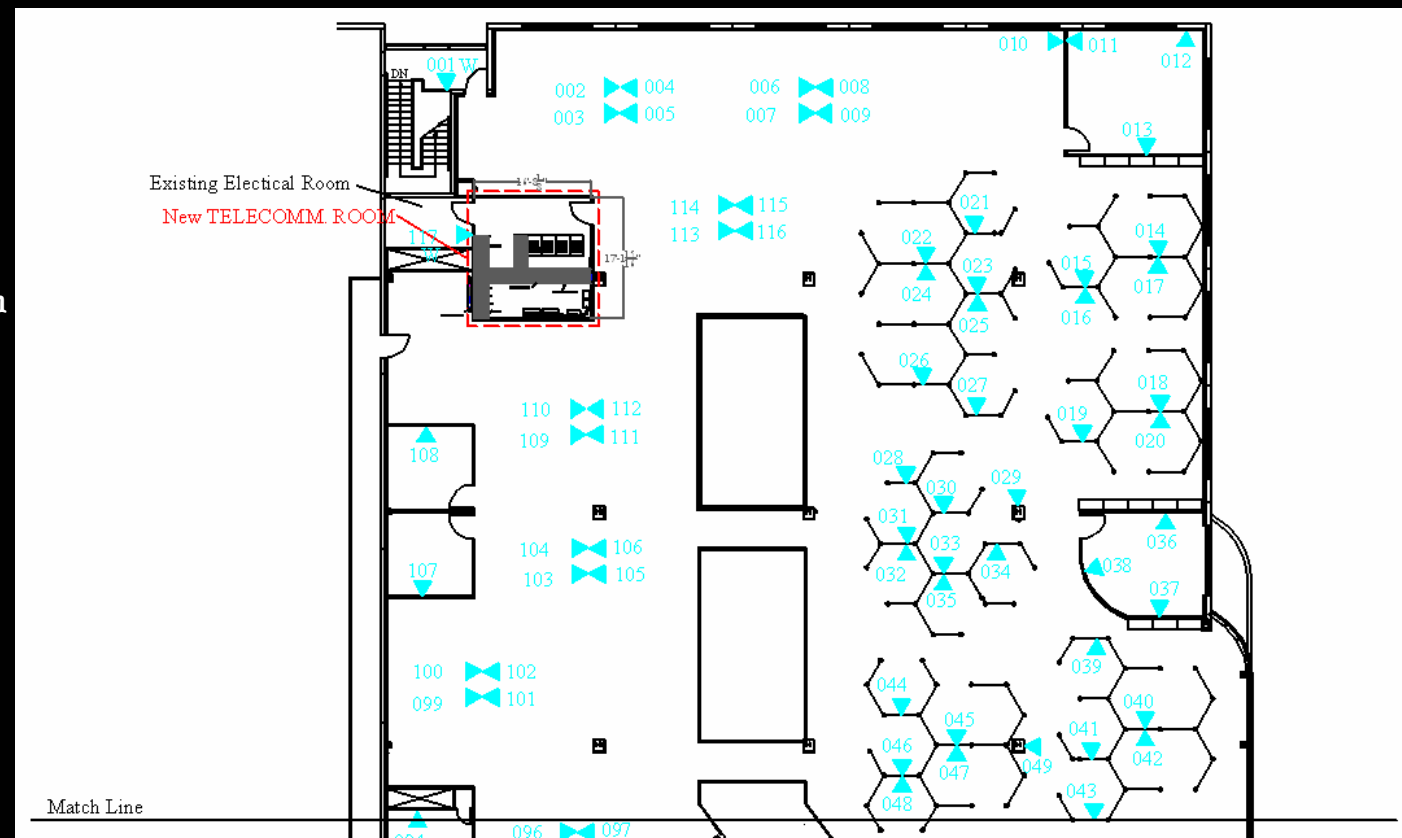
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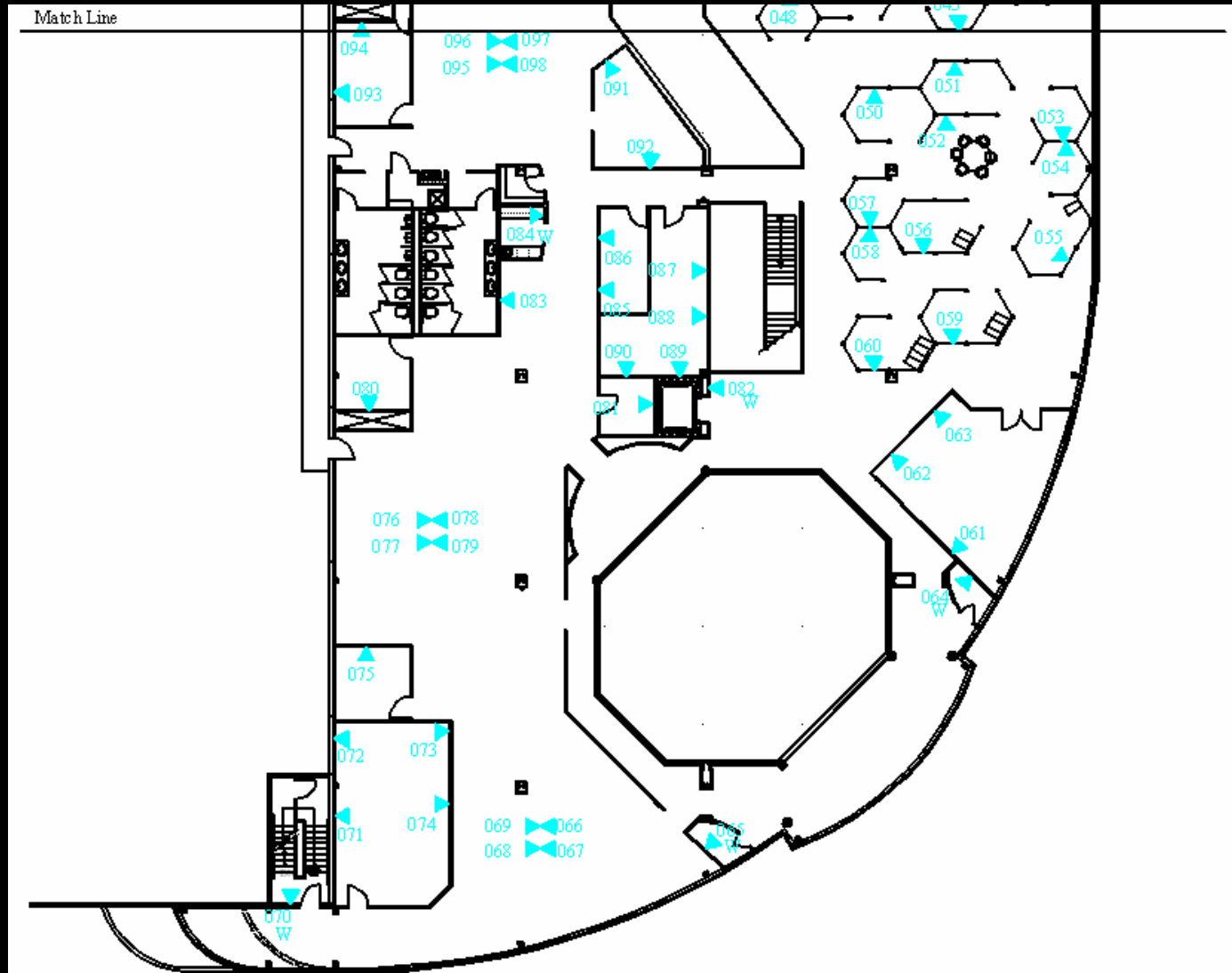
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## First Floor Telecommunications Closet Plan

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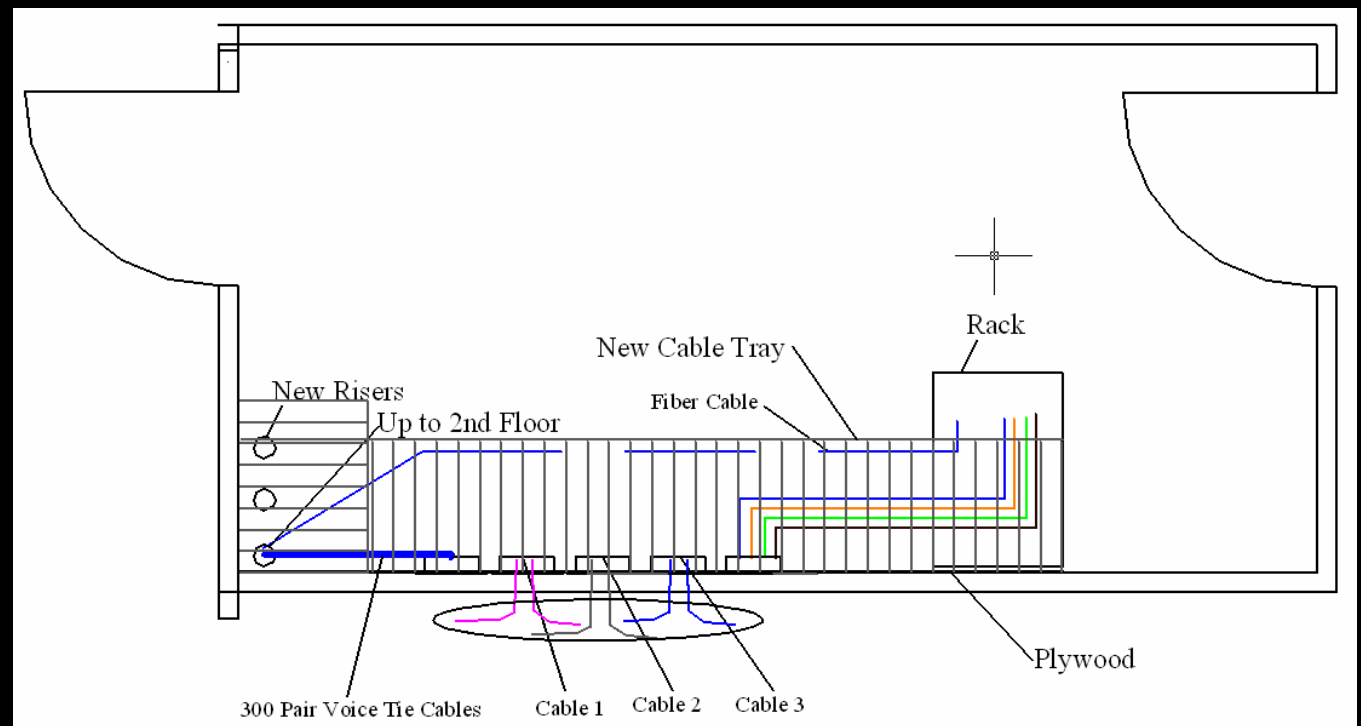
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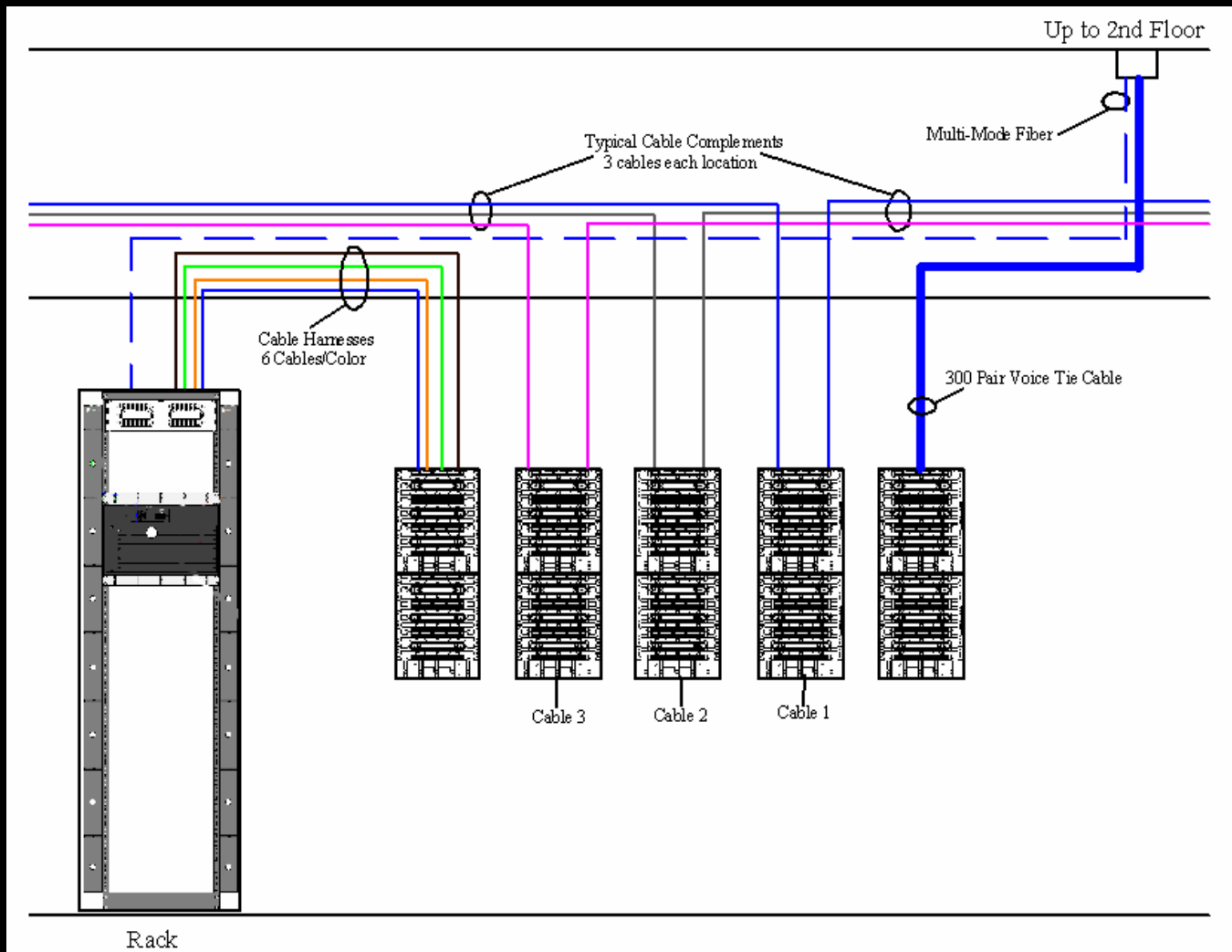
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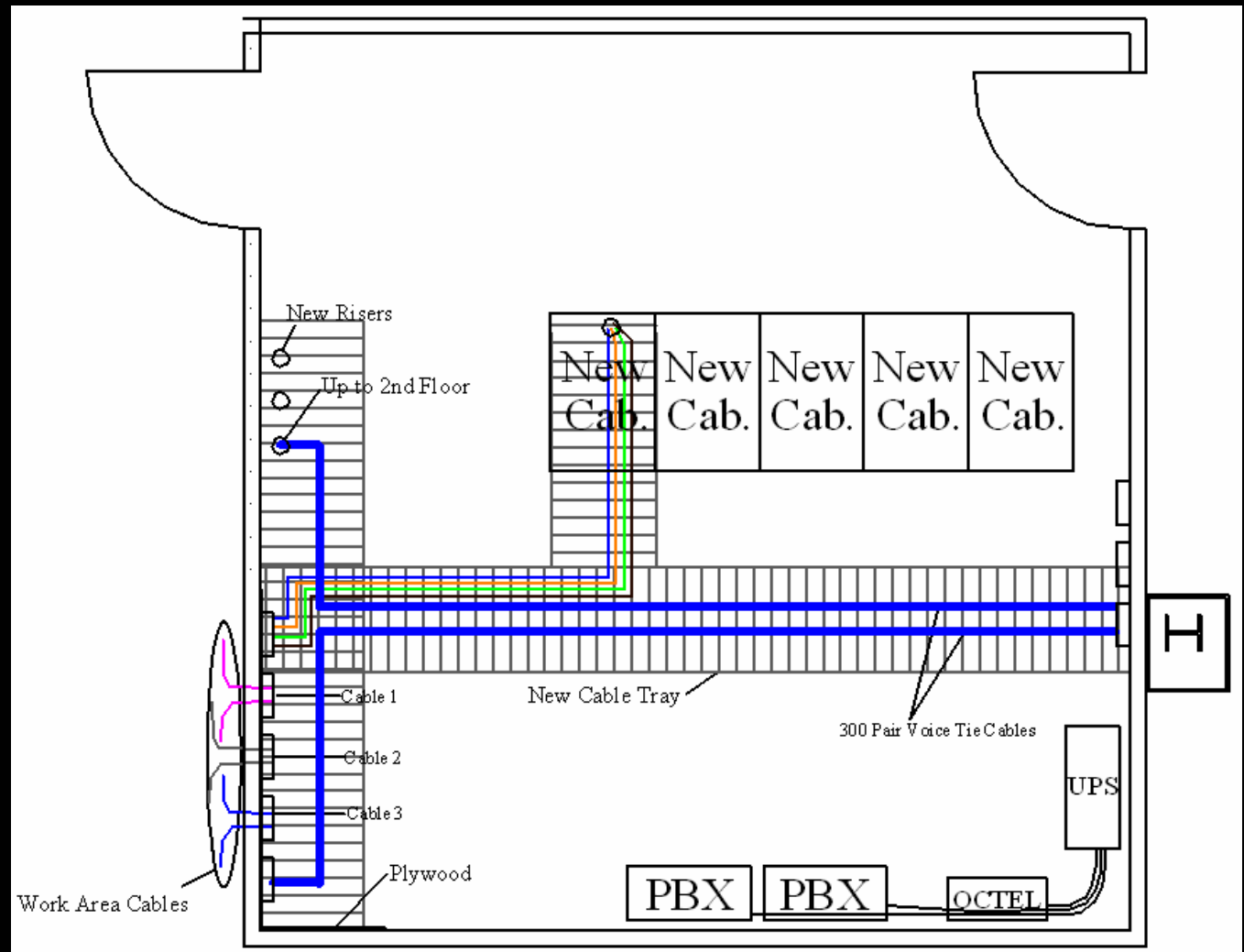
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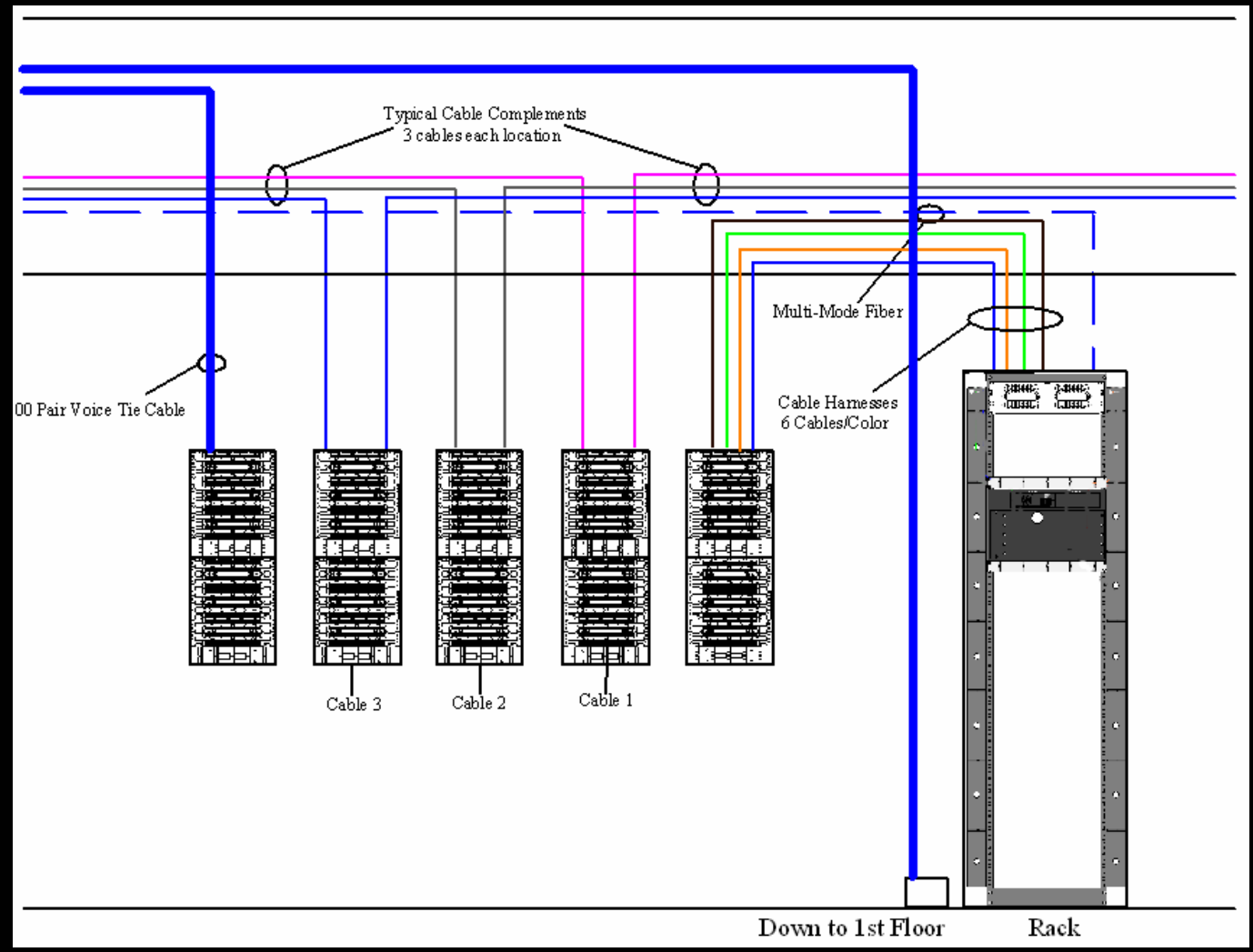
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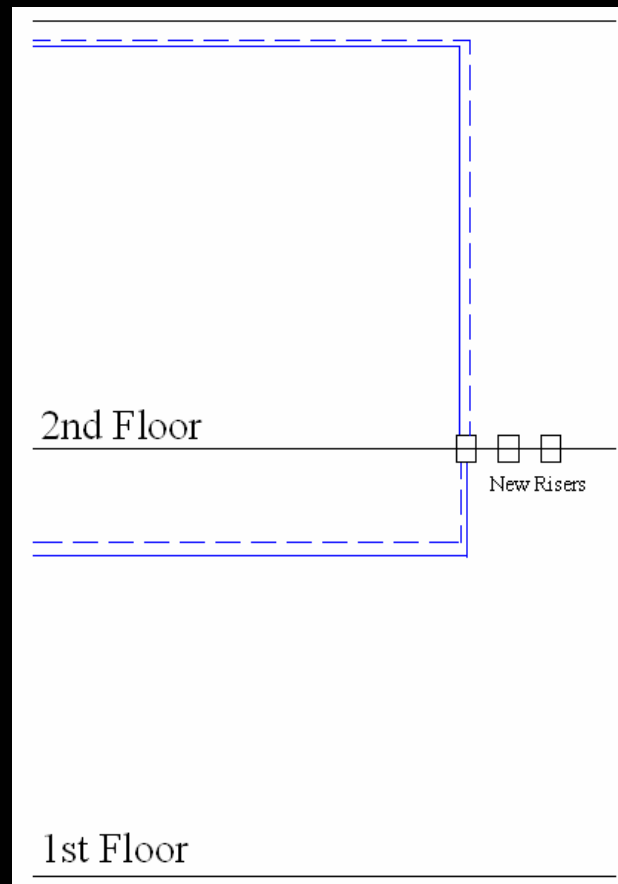
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All of the lighting redesign goals have been achieved:

- To keep the idea of solar panels constant throughout the interior of the building
- To incorporate the color blue to mimic the sky
- To have a new lighting design that works with the building's daylighting influence
- To provide an energy efficient design
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## Telecommunications Design

An up-to-date telecommunications network infrastructure has been designed and is ready to be implemented into the building's current design.

# Special Thanks

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-Bernardon, Haber, Halloway Architects PC

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-AstroPower North America

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Thanks!

Questions?