Pennsylvania DOT utilizes dozens of Spacesaver high-density systems.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (Penn DOT), along with several other state agencies, moved into the new Keystone Building and applied space efficiencies that they had experienced in their previous occupancy. They incorporated 12 Spacesaver mobile systems throughout five floors and saved filing space throughout their offices.

When Penn DOT had the opportunity to move into a new building, the administration knew that by using mobile systems, it could save fifty-percent of the file space and repeat the efficiencies it had achieved with mobile systems before.

The Penn DOT staff had become familiar with Spacesaver in previous years when they had to move into a new space unexpectedly. The department lost a building several years ago to fire and had to move into temporarily leased space. It utilized several Spacesaver systems throughout to minimize space utilization and lease occupancy costs.

“We were very happy with the mobile systems in our previous building,” explained the end user. “When we planned the Keystone Building, there was no internal selling needed. Our people were already sold on mobile systems.”

The end user likes the systems because of their reliability. “In all of the year’s we’ve used the mobile systems, we’ve never had to do repair,” said the end user.

Filing systems are placed on several floors in three wings on each floor. The systems are conveniently placed in open office areas near where files are needed.

A system in the Sales Store holds two types of materials: bid documents and publications, as well as maps for sale. The system is designed such that there is an aisle for each area of storage and personnel working in each function can access materials with no waiting. The bid documents for the State of Pennsylvania include heavy flat plans stored in drawers, rolled plans and files. Publications and maps are stored in another area of the system.
Confidential records, which are located in several areas of the building, are stored in mobile systems on standard shelving with lockable carriages that restrict access or secured behind locked Spacesaver doors on a mobile system.

A special design criteria was incorporated into the mobile storage systems for proper integration on the raised floor systems throughout the Keystone Building. Spacesaver chose its structural “T” rail system to allow proper load distribution to the floor supports located on two-foot centers.

A system in the Chief Counsel’s Corporate Library stores law books and publications and serves 29 attorneys on staff. Spacesaver periodical shelving keeps back issues of publications convenient to access.

“We’ve been so successful with the high-density systems that we’re putting them in our district offices,” the end user concluded. “The district personnel saw how much space they saved and now they are using them.”

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Penn DOT uses Spacesaver systems throughout multiple floors of its office space.

A mobile system with several storage options accommodates needs in the Sales Store.