

STEELCASE INC  
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**I m writing to give you a preview of coming attractions specifically, a new communications model and a new, earth-friendly way of delivering information to our shareholders.**

**Steelcase has adopted the Securities and Exchange Commission s new Notice and Access model, which allows us to furnish proxy materials online, with paper copies available upon request.**

**At the same time, we re supplementing our traditional annual report with more information about our environmental and community investment activities. The result is our Corporate Responsibility Report, a look at our balanced approach to profit, people and planet. And one of our contributions to environmental sustainability is reducing the amount of paper we generate each year. The Corporate Responsibility Report will be published exclusively online to eliminate the cost of printing and reduce waste. In fact it s already there. You can visit the new Corporate Responsibility website and read the report at [www.steelcase.com/responsibility](http://www.steelcase.com/responsibility).**

**In a few weeks, you will receive a notice from us, telling you where to find our Annual Report, Proxy Statement and your proxy voting instructions on the Internet. This electronic posting of materials will replace the traditional hard copy documents mailed to you in previous years unless you choose otherwise. (You will also have the option to print your own copies from the website.)**

**We ve included a generic sample of the notice so you ll recognize it when it arrives in the mail. The notice will explain how you can exercise your option to request paper copies of these materials by phone, e-mail or via the Internet.**

**You can make a difference by helping Steelcase drastically reduce paper and ink waste. At the same time, we re very proud of the information we re preparing to share with you, so we want to make it easy for you to access our reports and materials. Thank you for your support of Steelcase, and I look forward to our next communication.**

**Jim Hackett**

**Don t forget to check out the new Steelcase Corporate Responsibility Website and Report, at [www.steelcase.com/responsibility](http://www.steelcase.com/responsibility)**

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You are encouraged to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

We plan to file a proxy statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) in connection with our 2008 annual meeting of shareholders. **INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE BECAUSE IT WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.** Investors will be able to obtain a free copy of the proxy statement, as well as other filings, without charge at the SEC s website (<http://www.sec.gov>) once such documents are filed with the SEC. A copy of the proxy statement can also be obtained, without charge, once it is filed with the SEC, by directing a request to [ir@steelcase.com](mailto:ir@steelcase.com) or to Steelcase Inc., Investor Relations, GH-3C, P.O. Box 1967, Grand Rapids, MI 49501-1967.

Steelcase and our directors, officers and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in connection with our annual meeting. Information about our directors and officers is available in our proxy statement, dated May 17, 2007, for our 2007 annual meeting of shareholders. Additional information about the interests of potential participants will be included in the proxy statement for our 2008 annual meeting when it is filed with the SEC.

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