

App finds ideal workspace for open plan office workers



Opinions on the perfect working environment are as varied as the individuals holding them. And with hot desking and open plan offices comprising the typical working environment, finding the most comfortable place to work often takes a lot of trial and error. Enter Goldilocks, architecture firm [NBBJ](#)'s proprietary sensory system. Linked to a smartphone app, Goldilocks' sensors track heat, light and noise. Users enter their working preferences and are then directed to the place that best fits the criteria.

Easy to install and use, the sensors clip onto overhead lighting or other ceiling structures. In addition to sending real-time information to the app, the sensors aggregate data to show typical patterns of use. NBBJ is currently using Goldilocks in its New York offices. Future iterations may include machine learning capability that would allow the app to make recommendations.

Digital nomads using live-work spaces are increasingly common and are made comfortable through personalization and flexibility. [This international co-living lease](#) lets professionals live and work in a variety of countries, and [connected airplane seats](#) make flying more pleasant by remembering customers' preferences. What other much-used spaces could use a personalized comfort update?

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