



Building Value For 64 Years

THE Raymond Report

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Classic Tilt-Wall Office



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SEDL

Southwest Educational Development Laboratory
4700 Mueller Boulevard, Austin, Texas
www.sedl.org

Owner's Project Manager: Susan Benz,
Benz Resource Group, Inc.

Architect: Milton Hime, AIA,
Studio 8 Architects, Inc.

Building Features

- 52,000 total square feet
- Science & technology demonstration classroom
- Conference spaces including breakout rooms
- Community spaces
- Education research library
- Boardroom



SEDL's "green" headquarters is not just a beautiful building, it is a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver-level certified building.

SEDL's mission is to solve future education challenges facing schools and communities. Raymond Construction is proud to assist in that challenge for the future through the preservation of natural resources for the children and their community.

Succeed With Kindness and These 5 Kindly Tips

Nice people can finish first. The key is knowing how to use kindness to your advantage. Practice these habits in your business and personal lives and they will become second nature:

- First, be kind to yourself. You'll find being nice to others easier if you build your self-respect with positive thoughts about your personality and achievements.
- Treat everyone with respect. Don't worry about who's on top. Treat everyone the way you want to be treated, regardless of their position or job title.
- Say no when necessary. You can't do everything. But when you do say no, be polite and positive.
- Plant seeds of kindness. Do something nice every day even when your kindness may not have an immediate payoff.
- Complete this statement: "If I were a better person I would _____." Then act on it.

Ants Send and Receive Signals Via Antennae

Ants may not be able to speak, but they can communicate effectively through signals they receive—and send—through their antennae, researchers at the University of Melbourne have discovered.

Ants use chemicals called CHCs (cuticular hydrocarbons) to identify whether other ants are friendly or hostile. When CHCs are removed from an ant's antennae, it can no longer tell whether other ants are from its nest. The CHCs apparently enable ants to share basic information about their affiliation, something scientists could not confirm until recently.

Antennae have long been known as vital to ants' behavior. In an experiment conducted more than 125 years ago, a scientist removed the antennae from four different groups of ants and placed them together. Instead of breaking out into fights, the ants interacted peacefully with each other. The role of CHCs clarifies how such communication works, scientists say.

How To Stimulate Creativity and Generate New Ideas

If you want to encourage an atmosphere of innovation and entrepreneurship in your organization, try what others have done—hold a regular "pitch day" for employees to suggest projects and ideas to senior management.

Urge them to cross team boundaries and work together with co-workers from other departments in developing ideas. Choose the best projects for implementation, at least on a pilot basis. You'll generate lots of ideas, and enhance teamwork in your organization as well. In addition, employees will feel more vested in projects when they have helped to create them.

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Construction Trivia

- 1) How many bricks were used in the construction of the Empire State Building?
a) 10 million
b) 5 million
c) 50 million
d) 25 million
- 2) The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) was formed in what year?
a) 1956
b) 1927
c) 1970
d) 1910
- 3) The Hoover Dam contains enough concrete to pave a road from San Francisco to New York City. How much is that?
a) 23.2 million tons
b) 3.1 million tons
c) 90.4 million tons
d) 6.6 million tons
- 4) A net was set up under the Golden Gate Bridge to catch construction workers if they fell. It became known as the "halfway to hell club." How many men were saved?
a) 2
b) 19
c) 181
d) 56

Answers: 1) a; 2) c; 3) d; 4) b

Consider Our Team for Your Office Project

Environmental issues are more prevalent than ever and our industry is changing for the better. As a result, we have a LEED Accredited Professional on staff and several other key personnel who are in pursuit of this goal. If you are interested in LEED certification for your building or desire a more environmentally aware approach, let Raymond Construction's experience and knowledge in this area be part of our service in planning and building your project.



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The Mueller Development

Located at 4700 Mueller Boulevard, SEDL is sited in the heart of an energetic hub called Mueller. The 700-acre Mueller site, vacated when Austin's airport relocated in 1999, has become home to approximately 13,000 people, 13,000 employees, 10,500 construction jobs, 4 million square feet of office and retail space, more than 5,700 homes and 140 acres of public open space.

Raymond Construction is proud to have played a role in constructing this Leed-Silver certified office building, right in the heart of Mueller.



The benefits of tilt-up construction include fast-track delivery, lower operating costs, architectural aesthetics, and durability. Talk to us about using tilt-up on your next project.



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