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Kraftwerks will be exhibiting at the **WNY Facilities Management Expo**. Stop by **booth #719** to learn how Kraftwerks provides turnkey storage and space savings solutions.

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Smarter Storage

Finding more efficient ways to utilize space always benefits your organization. While traditional shelving is effective, there is a better way. By utilizing vertical space or eliminating aisles, you can unlock unused storage potential.

[Kraftwerks Healthcare Solutions Video](#)


Vertical Storage Units are a Worthwhile Investment

If you use standard, stationary shelving, you understand that to pull inventory, employees must locate the item and then physically go to the product to retrieve it. They may have to bend down for something on a lower shelf or reach overhead for things up top. They may have the misfortune of then finding inventory exhausted, which means reordering stock *after* its already needed. All of these have one thing in common, they slow work down.

Vertical Storage Units (VSUs) are highly efficient. VSUs can store massive amounts of inventory of different shapes, sizes, and weights. They are capable of storage in specialty climates like heat, extreme cold, sterile, or ESD.

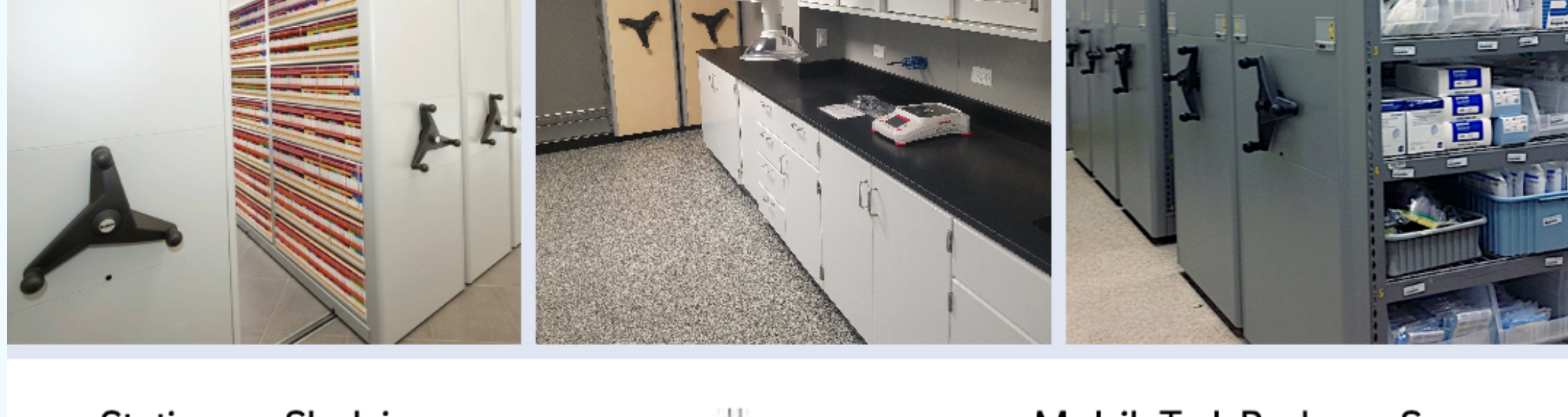
Entire departments can be linked with VSUs. Multiple units can be connected and they can span multiple floors (with multiple access points).

VSUs create an ergonomic environment because they bring inventory to the worker and deliver it at an ergonomic height. This achieves fast provisioning of inventory, while eliminating extra steps, reaching, and bending.

VSUs use complex digital systems to manage inventory. Access is controlled, and each item is individually tracked from entry to exit, creating safe, reliable storage.

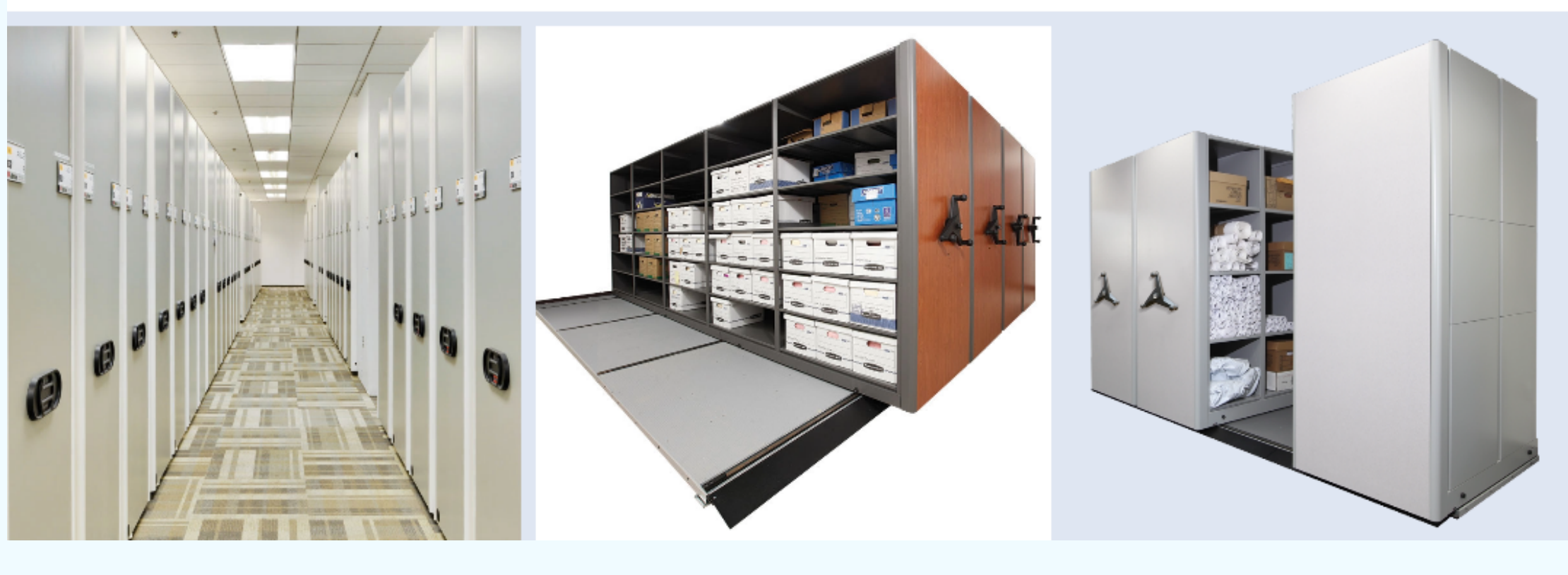
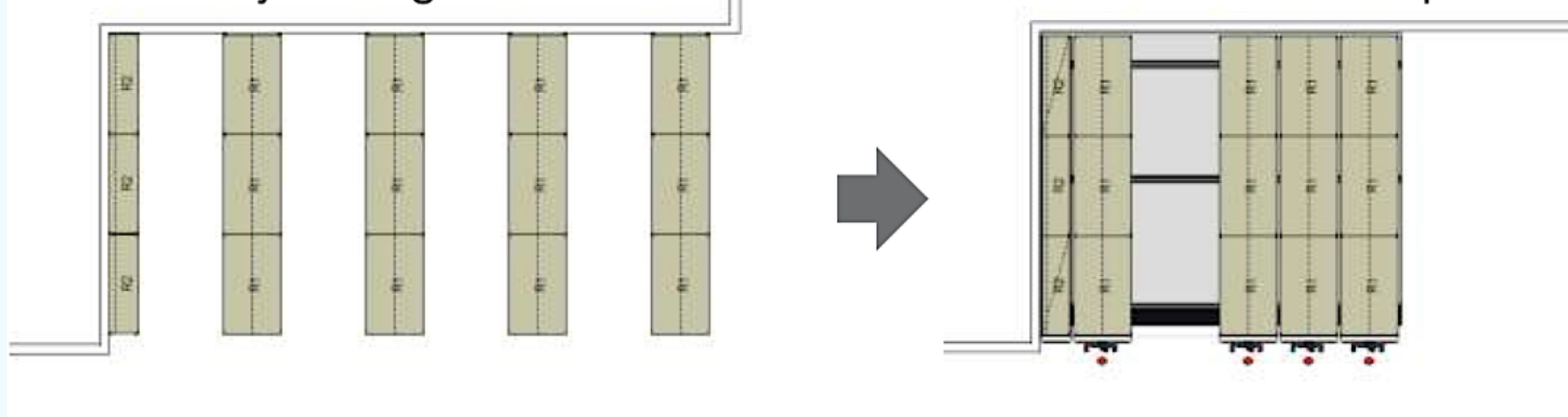
- Massive storage capability
- Opens/optimizes floor space
- Improves accuracy, efficiency, & workflow
- Access control & stronger security
- Inventory management & reliable inventory
- Increased safety, ergonomics
- Versatile storage

Read our case study below to see how Kraftwerks incorporated a VSU in Children's Hospital.



Stationary Shelving

MobileTrak Reduces Space



Mobile Aisle Storage Squeezes Out Available Space

If you don't know how mobile aisle storage works, imagine an accordion. An accordion creates musical notes when its sides are condensed, squeezing the air out of its bellows. Mobile aisle storage units work in a similar fashion, they squeeze out aisles to create usable space.

If you have stationary shelving, employees move up and down fixed aisles to retrieve stored items. Mobile aisle shelving puts those same shelving units on rails, allowing them to move and squeeze together to eliminate all but one aisle. That single aisle then 'moves' as units slide from one side to the other via powered (button) or mechanical (crank) means.

This method of storage is a cost effective way of optimizing space, because you have the same number of shelving units, but now only require one aisle. The eliminated aisles are converted to usable space, which can be used to add additional mobile shelving or be repurposed for something else.

- Cost effective storage & space solution – use existing shelving or new
- Smarter space optimization – uses the space you have
- Accommodate growth – add new shelving in newly opened space
- Flexible & versatile – adaptable & customizable
- Better security – units can be closed & locked

Kraftwerks has installed mobile aisle shelving in laboratory environments and those requiring special climate requirements. Our team of experts will work with you to determine if and how a mobile aisle storage unit can work for your organization.



Make Sure Your Bed's in the Right Place

Unused beds can quickly fill hospital corridors creating a hazard. So called "hallway beds" create clutter that violates the NFPA 101® Life Safety Code®, as well as JCAHO standards for the storage of hospital beds. These violations could lead to fines or worse, the loss of accreditation.

Bed lifts store beds in a vertical arrangement. Units load either from the side or the end, depending on the model. Beds are stored in LIFO (last in first out) fashion.

Lifts can accommodate a variety of hospital beds and can stow up to five beds in the footprint of just a single bed.

- Bedlift R – Regular duty, accepts 80-90% of hospital beds, 27" vertical pitch, up to 600 lb. capacity
- Bedlift X – Extra load, 33" vertical pitch, up to 900 lb. capacity
- Bedlift S – Side load, good for locations with unique profiles with space constraints
- Bedlift N – Narrow, width of 31.5" good for narrower profile beds, stretchers, & operating tables
- Bedlift C – Cribs, up to 600 lb. capacity

Read our case study below to see how Kraftwerks incorporated bed storage lifts in the University of Rochester Medical Center – Highland Hospital.

Case Studies

[UR Highland Hospital](#)
[Children's Hospital](#)

Additional Resources

[Kraftwerks & Vertical Storage Units](#)
[Kraftwerks & Mobile Aisle Storage](#)
[Hänel VSU Workflow](#)
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