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## **THE ALLSTEEL BOSTON RESOURCE CENTER EARNS LEED-CI SILVER CERTIFICATION**

(MUSCATINE, IA—JULY, 2008) — — The Allsteel Boston Resource Center, which opened last year in the heart of the city’s historical downtown, has earned silver certification in LEED for Commercial Interiors (LEED-CI).

LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is a green building rating system developed by the U.S. Green Building Council and the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high-performance green buildings. LEED-CI is the rating system for building tenants to certify their interiors are healthy, productive, energy efficient work environments.

“The Boston Resource Center is the fourth Allsteel showroom to achieve LEED-CI certification in two years, and we are extremely proud of that accomplishment,” said Mary Palmer, Allsteel Marketing Manager for PR Events and Resource Centers. “Creating sustainable buildings is critical for reducing our environmental footprint, and Allsteel is unrelenting in its commitment to attain this goal with all of its Resource Centers throughout North America.”

HOK, the award-winning international architectural firm, designed the 12,400-square-foot showroom. It is located on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of 200 State Street in the bustling Faneuil Hall Marketplace historic district, overlooking Boston Harbor. The space represents a unique blend of culture and time, incorporating design elements evocative of not only Boston’s storied past, but also of New England’s longstanding tradition of expert craftsmanship. The resulting design is a skilled orchestration of historic charm with the prerequisites of today’s work setting

needs.

“Allsteel has a proven record of creating products and spaces with low environmental impacts, and the Boston Resource Center gave HOK another challenging opportunity to develop a sustainable, functional and imaginative design — while still reflecting the area’s rich and layered design history,” said Karen League, HOK-Atlanta Senior Vice President, who headed the Allsteel Boston project.

To accomplish the LEED-CI certification, Allsteel and HOK took a number of innovative steps:

- **Site selection:** The showroom is located in a densely populated area, with public transportation located on the building’s ground floor, discouraging individual car use.
- **Energy saving technologies:** The space is designed to use 25 percent less power density than the specified standard (ANSI/ASHRAE/ IENSA 90.1-2004). To effectively illuminate Allsteel’s furniture, the team carefully laid out efficient lighting fixtures and designed showroom lighting controls with dimmers and photo sensors. Additionally, they incorporated energy-efficient metal halide lamps for most of the lighting in the open showroom area.
- **Materials selection:** The team utilized materials with as much recycled content as possible and conserved materials by limiting the amount of suspended ceilings. The ceiling panels that were used have no urea-formaldehyde binders. Additionally, the team purchased more than 25 percent of materials, including slate flooring and wood paneling, from manufacturers within a 500-mile radius in order to benefit the regional economy and reduce the need for long-haul trucking. Nearly 90 percent of the construction waste was diverted from landfills.
- **Indoor Environmental Quality:** The building is designed with an open plan and large windows that allow daylight to stream into the center of the showroom. All adhesives, paints and coatings used in the Resource Center meet U.S. Green Building Council emission standards. All copiers are located in a completely enclosed room with direct exhaust.

The Boston showroom also was awarded four “innovation in design credits,” which are given for “exceptional” or “innovative” performance not specifically required by LEED. Those credits were for:

- Education and outreach
- Green cleaning requirements
- Renewable energy credits covering all electricity use
- LEED AP on project team

For visits or appointments for the Allsteel Boston Resource Center call (617) 261-1556. For additional details on the company’s commitment to sustainability, visit [www.allsteeloffice.com](http://www.allsteeloffice.com).

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