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ALLSTEEL WINS IIDEX INNOVATION AWARD

(TORONTO, ON — SEPTEMBER 30, 2009) — Stride, a new furniture solution designed to satisfy virtually every possible need of a facility's interior landscape, has earned Allsteel an IIDEX Silver Innovation Award in the Furniture Systems category. The win was announced last week during IIDEX, Canada's NeoCon, which is held annually at the Direct Energy Centre in Toronto, ON. Stride was one of 52 products honored this year for outstanding achievement in new product design by the Interior Designers of Canada, The Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario (ARIDO), and Merchandise Mart Properties (Canada) Inc. A panel of 28 judges with a wide range of design backgrounds selected the top products based on excellence in design, technical innovation and creativity.

Comprised of work surfaces, storage and space division, Stride offers a cohesive approach to space planning. Its myriad solutions work seamlessly in workplace settings ranging from open plan to private office.

While Stride is distinguished by architectural detailing and new finishes, its appeal lies as much in its vast menu of configurations as in its stylish appearance. Incorporating novel features and storage details that typify sleek

Euro-style kitchen cabinetry, Stride was the result of a design collaboration between Allsteel and Mitch Bakker, of IDa Design, a Zeeland, MI-based firm.

Stride is also a notable achievement in sustainability, reflecting Allsteel's commitment to environmental responsibility. It is the first furniture solution from Allsteel conceived and built from the ground up to be Cradle-to-Cradle certified, Indoor Advantage Gold certified and compliant with the 2008 passage of BIFMA Design for the Environment. Allsteel's 'take-back' policy assures the company will reclaim any Stride component once it has reached the end of its useful life.

Earlier this year, Stride received a *Best of NeoCon* Silver Award in furniture systems — the highest honor awarded for the category in 2009.

To learn more, visit www.allsteelstride.com.

About Allsteel Inc.

Allsteel Inc., which is headquartered in Muscatine, IA, designs, builds and delivers workplace furniture solutions. The company holds firm to a belief that there's always a better way to improve efficiency and foster teamwork...another possibility to find solutions that increase the bottom line and deliver long-term value...a new opportunity to help a business be more effective. Allsteel has distinguished itself with award-winning products such as Acuity seating, Align workstations, Merge conferencing tables, and Stride, its latest workplace solution that's designed to evolve with the needs of a business. Allsteel was the first office furniture manufacturer to have all products certified either Indoor Advantage or Indoor Advantage Gold, and the majority of the line can contribute to LEED-CI credits. The company has Resource Centers in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, New York, San Francisco, Santa Monica and Washington, D.C., and Toronto, ON. For additional information, visit www.allsteeloffice.com.