

**ALLSTEEL'S SANTA MONICA RESOURCE CENTER
EARNS LEED-CI SILVER CERTIFICATION**

***HOK-Designed Showroom Uses Numerous Energy-Saving, Recycling and
Environmental Education Efforts to Obtain Designation***

Muscatine, Iowa – November 2007 – Allsteel's Santa Monica Resource Center 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 work environments.

“From its inception, we designed and built our Santa Monica showroom with the goal of obtaining LEED-CI certification,” says Brandon Sieben, Allsteel Vice President, Marketing. “Allsteel is committed to constructing and operating our showrooms with a focus on minimizing their short- and long-term environmental impact, as well as maximizing their benefits to the well being of our visitors and members. Building them to LEED standards helps guarantee this.”

Allsteel's Santa Monica showroom, which measures 16,000 square feet, was designed by the architectural firm HOK. Lori Selcer, LEED AP, Senior Associate with HOK's Los Angeles office, served as the project's LEED Accredited Professional and worked with Allsteel's team to obtain silver certification.

“Allsteel set the bar with the pursuit to obtain LEED-CI certification in its showrooms and to build a brand committed to sustainability. This was demonstrated throughout the building of the Santa Monica showroom,” Selcer explains. “Building
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to LEED can at times present challenges to the budget, but to their credit, the Allsteel team was determined to see it through.”

The new Resource Center opened in April 2007. It is located in the park-like Water Garden office complex – a collection of office buildings, cafés and restaurants surrounded by gardens, waterways, lakes and courtyards.

Allsteel's selection of the Water Garden site for its showroom earned the company site selection credits during the LEED application process. First, the building uses 100-percent recycled water, called “graywater,” for its landscape irrigation. Second, all of building's parking is underground, eliminating the need for above-ground concrete.

Allsteel and the HOK design team also incorporated a day-lighting system that adjusts the level of interior lighting based on how much natural light is coming in and maintains a constant lighting level all day, while decreasing overall energy consumption. Occupancy sensors turn off lighting in areas not in use. As such, the company exceeded the levels of energy savings required by LEED and regularly monitors it with a meter directly installed in the showroom.

Allsteel focused on obtaining many LEED Indoor Environmental Quality credits, such as using low emitting materials and indoor pollutant source control, in order to assure a showroom that is healthy as well as beautiful. Allsteel installed a kiosk to educate visitors about sustainable design and LEED, while showing the company's corporate commitment to environmental responsibility.

The Santa Monica showroom also was awarded an “innovation credit,” which is given for “exceptional” or “innovative” performance in areas not specifically required by LEED. During installation, Allsteel and the contractor recycled 95 percent of the
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construction waste, which is well above the LEED credit requirement of 50 to 75 percent. This extra step guaranteed nearly all waste was diverted from landfills.

For more information on Allsteel's Santa Monica Resource Center, visit the showroom at The Water Garden, 1620 26th St., Suite 100S or call (310) 264-7900. For additional details on the company's commitment to sustainability, visit www.allsteeloffice.com.

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Allsteel Inc. designs, builds and delivers progressive and relevant workplace furniture solutions. The company has Resource Centers in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, New York, San Francisco, Santa Monica, Washington, D.C., and Toronto, ON.

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