

**ALLSTEEL'S ATLANTA RESOURCE CENTER  
OBTAINS LEED-CI GOLD CERTIFICATION**

***HOK-Designed Showroom Located in  
Nation's First Pre-Certified LEED-CS Gold Building***

Muscatine, Iowa – *December 2007* – Allsteel's Atlanta Resource Center has been awarded gold certification in LEED for Commercial Interiors (LEED-CI). The showroom, designed by HOK, is located on the 24<sup>th</sup> floor of the United States' first pre-certified LEED for Core and Shell gold building, which is located at 1180 Peachtree St.

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 with less impact on natural resources than standard interiors.

“Allsteel is committed to environmental responsibility across the board – in our showrooms and in our manufacturing processes,” says Brandon Sieben, Allsteel Vice President, Marketing. “Meeting LEED requirements provides a healthy environment for our members, customers and visitors. Atlanta is our third showroom to be certified in the last three months.”

The Atlanta showroom, which opened in July 2006, was designed by architectural firm HOK's Atlanta office. Andy Singletary, HOK Vice President, served as the project's LEED Accredited Professional and worked with Allsteel's team to obtain gold certification.

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“Allsteel has been aggressive in pursuing LEED certification for its showrooms. The company factored this in when it chose the location, and it was a primary focus during the entire design and construction process,” Singletary states.

To start, Allsteel's Atlanta Resource Center earned three site-selection credits during the LEED application process:

- For being located in a new building that was LEED for Core and Shell certified
- For its proximity to public transportation (The building is located within a half mile of a rapid transit station, and bus stations are located directly in front of and near the building's entrance.)
- For the density of the surrounding neighborhood

The project was also awarded innovation credits for “exceptional” or “innovative” performance in areas not specifically required by LEED. The team demonstrated exemplary performance in use of regional materials within a 500-mile radius. And a credit was earned for the design and installation of an outreach program that educates visitors about sustainable design and LEED, as well as Allsteel's corporate commitment to environmental responsibility.

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Other credits were awarded for:

- Water efficiency: The team specified and installed low-flow fixtures in the kitchen and community area. The fixtures were already in place in the bathrooms as part of the existing base building design.
- Length of lease: Allsteel signed a 12-year lease for its 1180 Peachtree St. showroom, minimizing the future environmental impacts that result from moving.
- Energy and atmosphere: Several credits were earned for designing lighting and HVAC systems that maximize energy efficiency for the space.
- Materials and resources: The project utilized furniture and furnishings with recycled content greater than 20 percent.
- Indoor environmental quality: Multiple credits were awarded in this category for monitoring outside air delivery to the space, having an air quality plan in place during construction and the installation of low-emitting materials in three categories.
- Chemical and pollutant control: A point was received for installing a chemical and pollutant control system in the copier room. The design for this room included full-height partitions to isolate space from the rest of the Resource Center and the provision of an independent ventilation system.
- Controllability of lighting and HVAC systems: Points were also awarded for the controllability of individual lighting and thermal comfort, as well as daylighting and outside views from 90 percent of the space.

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For more information on Allsteel's Atlanta Resource Center, visit the showroom at 1180 Peachtree St., Suite 2400. For additional details on the company's commitment to sustaining the environment, visit [www.allsteeloffice.com](http://www.allsteeloffice.com).

**About Allsteel Inc.**

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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