

**ALLSTEEL ANNOUNCES ITS SAN FRANCISCO RESOURCE CENTER
HAS BEEN AWARDED LEED-CI SILVER CERTIFICATION**

*Gensler-Designed Showroom Is Consistent with Company's
Commitment to Environmental Responsibility*

Muscatine, Iowa – November 2007 – Allsteel's San Francisco Resource Center, which is located in the heart of the city's Financial District in Maritime Plaza, has been awarded 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.

"One of Allsteel's core company values is its commitment to environmental responsibility in all areas of our business. This includes manufacturing processes to the construction of our showrooms across the country," says Brandon Sieben, Allsteel Vice President, Marketing. "In our showrooms, one of the clearest ways to demonstrate our commitment is to design and build them to LEED standards, creating a healthier environment for our members and visitors, while minimizing our impact on the environment. We're proud of the work our team did to obtain silver certification in San Francisco."

The San Francisco showroom, which measures 13,500 square feet, was designed by the architectural and design firm Gensler with the goal of minimizing its environmental footprint. Collin Burry from Gensler served as the lead designer, "The LEED process is complex and requires the coming together and commitment of the owner, designer, contractors and consultants. Allsteel was committed to the process from the outset."

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Ted van der Linden, director of sustainability at DPR Construction, served as the project's LEED accredited professional.

To accomplish its LEED-CI silver certification, the Allsteel, Gensler and DPR Construction team took a number of steps:

- **Site selection:** The showroom is located in a densely populated area near public transportation, discouraging individual car use. Additionally, the team purchased more than 20 percent of materials from manufacturers within a 500-mile radius in order to reduce the need for long-haul trucking.
- **Water-saving technologies:** The team chose plumbing fixtures carefully and installed readily available water-saving technologies, including flow restrictors in sinks, low-flow toilets and dual-flush valves. As a result, the showroom has reduced water consumption by nearly 43 percent beyond government conservation requirements for commercial construction.
- **Construction waste recycling:** During construction, nearly 76 percent of construction debris was diverted from landfills by delivering it to recyclers.
- **Indoor air quality:** Allsteel developed an indoor air quality management plan for all phases of building construction and occupancy. The company also used low VOC (volatile organic compounds) emitting carpeting and adhesives and put a stringent air flushing system in place to remove air pollutants before occupancy.
- **Energy savings:** The showroom uses energy-efficient mechanical systems and zoning, as well as Energy Star-rated appliances. Lighting power density was also reduced to save energy. The space uses motion and light sensors and automated shades to maximize the use of natural light.

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- Education: The San Francisco showroom was designed to be used for environmental education and outreach. This includes an innovative, interactive kiosk that allows visitors to learn about sustainable building and LEED. The kiosk also tells Allsteel's sustainability story and guides viewers through the showroom's green features.

The San Francisco Resource Center also earned five "innovation credits," which are awarded for "exceptional" or "innovative" performance in areas not specifically required by LEED:

- First, the company instituted a green housekeeping policy to use cleaning materials that are environmentally friendly. The showroom's janitorial service uses only "green seal" cleaning products, high-filtration HEPA vacuum cleaners and micro-fiber dusters.
- The second credit was earned when Allsteel committed to buy 100-percent green power such as wind and solar.
- The third was for exemplary performance in the reduction of potable water use.
- The fourth was installing the interactive kiosk.
- And the fifth, having the expertise of a LEED Accredited Professional (LEED AP) on the team.

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For more information on Allsteel's San Francisco Resource Center, visit the showroom at Four Maritime Plaza or call (415) 677-9116. For additional details on the company's commitment to sustainability, visit www.allsteeloffice.com.

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