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Press Release: Willard Dunham Construction Co. awarded a Silver CI LEED Certification for PSEG Customer Services Centers



Two PSEG Customer Services Centers Willard Dunham Construction Co. renovated in Paterson and Passaic were recently awarded a Silver CI LEED Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. LEED is an internationally recognized green building certification program and the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high-performance green buildings.

These projects are an example of how sustainability and recycled building materials can be incorporated into a renovation project. The interior partitions were built using metal framing with a high-recycled content and insulated using recycled denim fabric rather than fiberglass. The drywall contains recycled paper, with studs made from recycled metals. The construction also used low-VOC (volatile organic compound) paints, glues and solvents. The majority of wood, including the desktops, came from Forest Stewardship Council–certified sustainable forests. In addition, energy-saving devices such as light sensors, occupancy-sensing lighting and efficient heating and air-conditioning systems were used. The majority of computers and equipment are Energy Star–rated.

- PSE&G customers to interact with PSE&G directly to address energy services needs.
- The facilities encourage customers to incorporate sustainability into their homes and businesses.
- Both projects focus on education by outlining the sustainable nature of the construction process, the materials used, and the resource efficiency measures in place throughout the space.
- Both LEED CI projects were located in urban settings. On an average business day, more than 500 people enter each PSE&G Customer Service Center.
- The Paterson CSC facility features an underground parking to reduce the heat island effect.