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Sustainable Solutions International Headquarters Awarded LEED®-CI Gold Certification

> U.S. Green Building Council honors redesign of SSi™ headquarters with benchmark for sustainable commercial interior improvements

Vancouver, British Columbia – Sustainable Solutions International (SSi), one of North America’s leading green building product manufacturers and distributors, has received the prestigious LEED®-CI Gold certification for the recently refurbished interior of their corporate headquarters in Burnaby, B.C. Designed by Shelley Penner, Director of Practice at renowned green design firm Penner & Associates, the building’s new sustainable interior echoes SSi’s conservation without compromise credo which merges green building practices with luxurious designs and state-of-the-art technology.

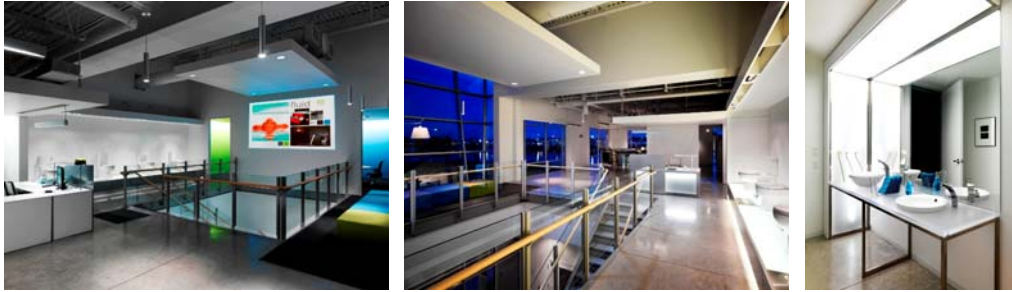
Also the recipient of the Silver Award of Excellence from the Interior Designers Institute of British Columbia, this 4,200 sq. ft. workspace features a reception area, five offices, five open area workstations, a conference room with furnishings adaptable to a training environment with flexible product display areas, a fully-functioning kitchen for events, and a bathroom that also serves as a space to showcase the company’s water-efficient plumbing fixtures, faucets and accessories. To keep in line with the nature themed brand identity of fluid™, one of SSi’s leading product lines, the office features an inspiring view of the Fraser River and a surplus of daylight access.

“We are honored to receive LEED gold certification for our remodeled headquarters,” said President of SSi Glenn Sheargold. “SSi believes green building is essential for the future and we wanted the office to reflect our vision of sustainability while showcasing the highest quality of design and technology. By redesigning the office space and incorporating the best green materials, including our own water-conserving products, Energy Star-rated appliances, efficient light sources and more, Shelley Penner created the ultimate working environment for the staff. We’re thankful for her amazing work.”

To increase the versatility of the space, Penner installed retractable screens behind the reception area to divide the office and display areas. The new display area is a completely open space with adjustable lighting for changing product displays, while the divider screens are made of a special material meant for projecting images. With each workstation featuring views of the river, the office also features a fresh color palette of blue and green accents, combined with transparent and reflective materials to invoke an aquatic aesthetic.

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In addition to the green building materials, appliances and equipment, the headquarters features Greenguard IAQ Certified furniture, seating and other sustainable furnishings, including Steelcase Think® task chairs with 37% recycled content, bamboo content in seat fabric, and Gold level Cradle to Cradle Product Certification from MBDC and furnishings with regional, recycled content and rapidly renewable materials that emit low amounts of volatile organic compounds into the environment. T5 and T8 linear fluorescent and halogen fixtures along with daylight and occupancy sensors were also put in to conserve energy. During construction, SSi purchased green power certificates while Penner implemented waste and IAQ management.



SSi™ Headquarters

Sustainable Solutions International (SSi™) is a U.S. based green products manufacturer and distributor with offices in Los Angeles and Vancouver. This revolutionary company boasts a lineup of some of the best and most sustainable building products on the planet. For over a decade they have supplied solution-based green products to North America's sustainable building industry and residential markets that exceed codes and client expectations. SSi believes in conservation without compromise, which they define as the confluence of nature, design and technology. Their clients rely on their staff's expert knowledge of products and application, and their ability to conserve both resources and time. They have earned a reputation as being responsive, reliable and adaptable. SSi is the parent company of fluid™ and the exclusive North American distributor of Caroma. fluid™ is comprised of eight full bathroom fixture collections which showcase the best in design, functionality, and green performance. To learn more about SSi, visit them on the Web at www.sustainable-solutions.com. To learn more about fluid specifically, visit www.fluidfaucets.com. For press requests, please contact DRS and Associates at 818-981-8210 or visit www.drsandassociates.com.

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