

International Financial Services Corporation

Throughout the United States



This international financial services corporation opens hundreds of branches every year, so being “green” was particularly important. Equally important was having a program through the US Green Building Council that was financially and operationally feasible for such volume. The result was the USGBC’s Portfolio Program, still in the pilot phase. Progressive AE was instrumental in leading this client through the process and achieving their first LEED certified prototype. Since then, through our ongoing role as architect, engineer, LEED advocate, and commissioning agent, we have helped our client become recognized as the first entity to exceed 100 LEED certified projects.

Sustainable Sites

Alternative transportation education occurs through the use of transit trip planning assistance and maps of public transportation and bike routes. This information is posted so employees and the public-at-large can learn. Sites also offer bicycle storage for employees and customers.

Water Efficiency

Inside the store, sinks and toilets are designed specifically for water efficiency, using fixtures that reduce water use by 30%.

Recycling

The corporation conducted a waste stream audit and developed a recycling program for branches including key recyclables of paper, glass, and plastics.

Indoor Environmental Quality

Each branch is a non-smoking facility starting during construction. Signage is posted at construction sites and inside the branches during operation. “No smoking within 25 feet” signs are also posted at the branch entrance.

Energy Efficiency

Each branch is equipped with lighting controls to maximize efficiency and reduce usage. High efficiency equipment as rated by ENERGY STAR is used wherever available. Advanced heating and cooling systems provide comfortable temperatures but are still able to reduce energy use.

Materials and Resources

50% of all construction waste is diverted from landfills at each branch. Construction materials and furniture contain at least 10% of recycled content.

Low VOC’s

Low VOC (volatile organic compounds) adhesives, sealants, paints, coatings, carpet systems, and furniture are specified in each branch. This measure improves the indoor environment, and is projected to increase productivity and decrease absenteeism.