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Margulies Perruzzi Architects Office Awarded LEED Silver

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The offices of architectural and interior design firm Margulies Perruzzi Architects on Congress Street in Boston.

The offices of architectural and interior design firm Margulies Perruzzi Architects has been awarded LEED Silver certification by the U.S. Green Building Council.

In August 2008, Margulies Perruzzi Architects relocated its offices to the fourth floor of the newly renovated LEED Gold certified Boston Children's Museum Building at 308 Congress St. in the Fort Point Channel neighborhood of Boston.

LEED certification was based on a number of green design and construction choices that would positively impact the project itself and the working environment. Some of these decisions included diverting 80 percent of construction and demolition debris from

landfills, reuse of 70 percent of existing furniture, selection of materials and furniture with recycled and recyclable content, adjustable lighting controls and energy efficient indirect lighting, low-emitting materials to reduce the quantity of indoor air contaminants, and wood harvested in an environmentally responsible manner.

Margulies Perruzzi Architects also purchased materials made within a 500-mile radius, which supports the regional economy and reduces transportation costs and environmental impacts associated with delivery.

"When our firm was searching for new office space, we thought hard about sustainable design in choosing location, selecting materials, and reusing furniture and equipment, and were able to do so without significant additional cost to the project," said Marc Margulies, principal at Margulies Perruzzi Architects. "Above all, we wanted to be able to enjoy being in our new office space. The views across the water to the city, the abundance of natural light and the roof deck outside our conference room give us a truly delightful environment in which to work."