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Margulies Perruzzi Architects Office Awarded LEED Silver Certification



The office space of Margulies Perruzzi Architects has been awarded LEED Silver certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC).

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 Street in the Fort Point Channel neighborhood.

Located in an historic building dating back to 1888, the new space merges the old mill building's brick-and-beam construction with the crisp clean lines of a modern interior featuring glass, stainless steel and bold colors. The single-floor layout allows for

greater collaboration among the firm's designers than its previous three-story office space. The 13,000 square foot space features a conference center, informal meeting areas, and a roof deck overlooking the Boston skyline.

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% of construction and demolition debris from landfills, reuse of 70% 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, AIA, LEED AP, 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."

A member of the U.S. Green Building Council, Margulies Perruzzi Architects is currently working on the 175-185 Wyman Street office complex project in Waltham, Mass., which is seeking LEED Gold certification. Margulies Perruzzi Architects also designed two LEED certified member services facilities for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts: one located in Quincy, Mass., which is LEED Certified; and the other, located in Hingham, Mass., is the region's largest LEED Silver certified project.