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PROJECT PROFILE

SOLANO COUNTY
{ FAIRFIELD, CALIFORNIA }

“From an environmental standpoint, we wanted this facility to be LEED certified, and we were very cognizant of the recycled content in the furniture and material selections in order to contribute to that sense of environmental responsibility that pervaded the entire project.”

CHALLENGE

Kanon Artiche, Solano County Architect

Solano County is one of the fastest growing municipalities in California. According to Kanon Artiche, the Solano County Architect, “It started with a need to consolidate 16 different departments to better centralize and improve service delivery to the public at large.” The County also wanted an improved work environment for employees that maximized natural light, accommodated different workstyles, provided public, private, teaming, and individual workspaces, and enhanced communications so “people feel a more cohesive part of an organization and better identified with the County.” And they wanted their office furniture to come from one supplier.

In addition, the facility had to speak to the greater community. As Artiche says, “We wanted to send a message to the public that we’re a growing county, it’s a new century, and we’re moving forward with the technology and facilities to support that growth.”



SOLUTION

The solution was to build a 342,000 square foot facility that could consolidate 1,000 employees and multiple services in one location. The project included many features, from solar panels and cogeneration plants, to native landscaping and energy-efficient HVAC systems that reflect the County's strong commitment to environmentally responsible design.

Their choice in furniture is also an expression of this concern with the environment: it had to help achieve LEED certification and meet California's strict standards for off-gassing and use of recycled materials. In addition, the County was looking for quality, durability, and longevity; great service on design, delivery, and installation; flexibility and reconfigurability; integration of technology; and ergonomics. According to Artiche, "That's all a pretty tall order for any manufacturer to meet, but Allsteel emerged as the victor." Artiche singles out one product in particular: "Terrace's ability to stack and reconfigure was important to accomplishing our goals."

GAINS

Enhanced public access to services

Improved employee ergonomics, increased daylight, enhanced communication, and created a sense of connection to the County and community

Improved storage and organizational tools

Catalog from which employees can select products to meet their individual needs

On-time installation of 70 truckloads of furniture, completing project in less than four months

LEED credit contribution from systems furniture



ALLSTEEL PRODUCTS

Terrace[®] 3.4 frame-and-tile system, Cadence[™] desking, Get Set[™] tables and chairs, Persona[™] and Essentials[™] storage, Extensions[™] work tools, #19[®], Reinhard, Sensible[™], Sum[™], Tolleson Side, and Trooper[®] seating

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EXPERIENCE

Artiche says that a big part of choosing Allsteel was the “can-do philosophy” of the company and the Allsteel dealership. “They did whatever it took. Personally, I was there with them on two or three occasions until one or two in the morning,” Artiche recalls. “Allsteel was really looking to how they could meet our needs,” he continues. “If we had an honest inquiry, nine times out of ten, it was accommodated. Or, it was explained to us why it was not in our best interest.”

After a year of occupation, Artiche says, “The end users love it. We’ve had many other counties and entities walk through the building, and one of the first questions we get is, ‘What is your systems furniture?’ because it works so well with the building.”

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