

## COMPELLENT MINIMIZES ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Experiencing rapid corporate growth, Compellent needed a larger building to house its global headquarters in Eden Prairie, Minnesota. After finding a new property in 2006, the company capitalized on the opportunity to implement a wide range of “green” initiatives to reduce the costs of operating the new facility while also reducing its environmental impact. The result is Minnesota’s first certified green facility. In fact, Compellent’s global headquarter’s achieved a LEED certified-gold designation from the U.S. Green Building Council. Through environmental-friendly heating and cooling and use of energy-efficient features provided by the Compellent SAN, Compellent has doubled the size of its headquarters, and reduced the carbon footprint at the same time.

## Green Facts About the Compellent Facility

- » All common areas in the building are powered with wind generated energy.
- » 90% of post-industrial by-products (leftover waste materials that would normally be garbage) were diverted from landfills and were recycled.
- » 55% of the building materials used in the facility came from recycled products (steel, aluminum, carpet).
- » There are 10 areas in the building for recycling. Any un-recycled refuse is incinerated—the resulting steam energy is converted to electricity and contributes to powering 30,000 homes per year.
- » The steel frame of the building is 90% recycled steel.
- » The facility reduces its water consumption by 240,000 gallons per year with waterless urinals, motion activated faucets and low water toilets.
- » The limestone on the front of the building was mined in Mankato. Over 40% of the materials used to build this facility were manufactured or extracted locally to reduce transportation emissions.

## Employee Benefits

- » All employee cubicles are surrounded by tall windows that wrap around the building, and 90% of employee spaces use glass panels, low walled cubicles and sidelights to allow daylight.
- » 3% of the parking in the lot is designated for fuel efficient vehicles (e.g. Honda Civic, Toyota Corolla, Hybrids).
- » Upgraded venting systems and air filters improve the air quality throughout the building.
- » The carpets used in the building have low VOC (Volatile Organic Compound) which means there are less chemical pollutants and adhesives being released into the air from materials such as carpeting and paint.



The use of green policies reflects Compellent’s corporate goal of helping customers reduce costs for acquiring, powering, cooling and managing storage. Using Compellent storage technology in the headquarter’s data center has helped reduce energy consumption by up to 90% when compared to traditional storage vendors.

Overall, the new building uses 12% less energy than the previous facility and recently won the Green Advantage Environmental Certification Award.



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