

160F Tenant Sustainable Purchasing

Sustainable Furniture Options

Following are options for purchasing furniture that meets LEED's criteria:

2) Purchase New or Used Furniture with one or more of the following attributes:

- a) Purchases contain at least 10% post-consumer or 20% post-industrial material
 - i. Most metals contain higher percentages of recycled content - just ask the vendor for a breakdown of the recycled content percentages.
- b) Purchases contain at least 50% rapidly renewable material (bamboo, cork, agrifiber, natural rubber, etc.)
 - i. Examples include cabinetry or furniture made from bamboo or "wheatboard"
- c) Purchases contain at least 50% Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)-certified wood.
 - i. FSC-certified wood means that the wood comes from forests that have been sustainably managed (ie, no clear-cutting) and no child-labor is employed in international companies.
- d) Purchases contain at least 50% material extracted and processed within 500 miles of the project.
 - i. This credit is easy to obtain if you are purchasing refurbished furniture - simply contact Interior Motions or Imago Associates, listed above.
- e) Purchases contain at least 70% material salvaged from off-site or outside the building/organization.

i. With the downturn in the economy, high-end, barely-used office furniture is showing up in resale stores for great prices. If you are considering buying new desk chairs, file cabinets, desks, cabinets, etc., check out one of these local companies. Ask them to tell you what city the furniture originally came from, as we need that for the LEED Documentation.

Interior Motions

1485 Park Avenue
Emeryville, CA
(510) 653-6100

www.interiormotions.com

Imago Associates

1563 Solano Ave #102
Berkeley, CA 94707
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<http://www.imagoassociates.com/>

- f) Purchases contain at least 70% material salvaged from on-site, through an internal/building-wide materials and equipment re-use program.

Let the building management know if you'd be interested in creating an on-site used furniture swap. The owner would designate a location where tenants could drop off and pick out used furniture for/from other tenants in the building.

2) Examples of companies with sustainable office furniture products are:

Herman Miller

www.hermanmiller.com

Steelcase

www.steelcase.com

Teknion

www.teknion.com

Baltix

www.baltix.com

NOTE: Give Something Back sells office furniture with sustainable attributes