

LEED Certification

To support CalSTRS' commitment to sustainability and environmental conservation, the Riverside Member Service Center obtained LEED Certification at a Gold Level. The space earned points in five environmentally sustainable categories for commercial interiors: Sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, and indoor environmental quality. Specific contributions to certification were:

- Site location encourages walking and public transportation use. Citrus Towers is centrally located within one half mile from a rail station, residential zone and community services such as restaurants, markets and parks.
- Lighting design is 46 percent more efficient than required by code. A key energy saving feature are the efficient LED light fixtures which use automated controls to respond to daylight and occupancy sensors. All appliances and computers are Energy Star® labeled efficient products.
- Recycled content in materials accounts for more than 50 percent of the furniture and finish materials budget. This reduces the environmental impacts resulting from the manufacture of virgin materials. A robust recycling program will help ensure more materials are reused in the future.
- During construction, all of the ductwork was covered to prevent particulate matter entering the HVAC system. Paints, adhesives, floor coverings and composite wood were selected with low or no volatile organic compounds.