

Wohlsen Construction becomes 3rd company in Pennsylvania to receive Green Plus Certification.



For years, Wohlsen has been known for its vibrant yellow color. While that's not going away, more people have been seeing us as pretty green lately for our company-wide business practices and increased activity in "green" building projects. That became official in April 2010 when **Wohlsen Construction Company received Green Plus Certification**. We're only the third company in Pennsylvania – and 67th company in the nation – to receive this prestigious third-party certification. Green Plus promotes sustainable business practices in three key areas:

PEOPLE

This area analyzes employees and how we interact, train, promote and educate our workforce. We were recognized for our new training and education initiatives, both in the office and in the field. We were also commended for our extensive internship and orientation programs.

PLANET

This area focuses on how we improved our relationship with the environment by reducing, reusing and recycling our physical resources. Since 2008, we have adopted specific changes in our operational habits ... in part to be "green" and also to lower operational costs. Some of those efforts include upgrading our computer equipment, copiers and appliances to Energy Star qualified products, recycling in the office and on certain job sites, our transition to electronic invoicing and online collaboration with clients, and upgrading our servers to VM Ware (virtualization).

PERFORMANCE

This area looks at how we plan, execute and deliver on our business goals such as profitability, marketability and customer satisfaction. We were commended for continuing to improve our bottom line performance even amid the economic downturn and while maintaining our industry leadership position.

Wohlsen Construction's Sustainability Guideline focuses on:

- Using recycled paper for stationery, marketing materials and office supplies
- Using recycled consumables – many with green seal certification
- Proper disposal of recyclable materials
- Adopting practices for reducing waste
- Computer, office equipment and materials purchases
- Energy conservation practices and products
- Using biodegradable cleaning supplies

"Now it is more important than ever to consider the environmental impacts of our business practices. We are being proactive with regards to green buildings and our own sustainable practices. By reducing our energy consumption, our waste stream and our depletion of natural resources, we are meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Gary Langmuir, CEO, Wohlsen Construction Company

View some Wohlsen Construction projects that feature green attributes:

York County Administrative Center – LEED® Certified [view](#)

Evangelical Press Building Adaptive Reuse for Harrisburg Area Community College – LEED® Certified [view](#)

The Campus Square Building in Harrisburg – LEED® Gold Pending [view](#)

Lancaster Family YMCA's Center City Branch – LEED® Silver Pending [view](#)

Contact Bill to learn more about making your next building project more "green" or LEED® Certified.



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