

Phoenix, AZ

As one of the nation's leading diversified health care benefits companies, Aetna has developed the new Cotton Center Building 19 with a mission of sustainability, efficiency and employee productivity. The space has been designed with several multi-function areas including a new concept called "collaboration stairs" which descend from the second floor to the café area, allowing approximately 75 people to gather for quick, informal meetings and also serves as a large gathering place for larger, "all-staff" events. All workstations were ergonomically designed to include sit/stand workstations to reduce employee fatigue, but employees can work from various locations throughout the building in order to improve productivity and enhance well-being. An outdoor patio seating area covered by sail shades encourages employees to enjoy the outdoors. Daylighting was also incorporated throughout the building, contributing to its overall energy efficiency and sustainability.



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GREEN IDEAS

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SUSTAINABLE STRATEGIES

- Improved occupant well-being through integration of ergonomic principles, specifically in the design of work spaces for all computer users
- Low-emitting materials were used to reduce the harmful effect of VOCs
- Replicated natural hydrology and water balance of the site by capturing and managing 100% of stormwater onsite
- Coof roof strategies incorporated to minimize effects on microclimates by reducing the urban heat island effect
- Native, adaptive landscaping reduces the amount of potable water needed for irrigation
- An on-going commitment to renewable energy generation allowed this project to offset annual energy consumption

PROJECT RESULTS

- LEED** for New Construction SILVER level achieved
- 45%** energy cost savings above ASHRAE 90.1-2010 standard
- 40%** reduction of potable water for domestic use
- 84%** of construction and demolition waste diverted from landfill
- 78%** reduction of potable water for irrigation

LEED Facts

LEED for New Construction v4
Size: 80,000 SF
Certification Date: 3-4-20



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