



Maryland Green Registry MEMBER

The Maryland Green Registry promotes and recognizes sustainable practices at organizations of all types and sizes. Members agree to share at least five environmental practices and one measurable result while striving to continually improve their environmental performance.

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Construction management

Member since October 2009

Management and Leadership

Environmental Team

Meridian Ventures has a "Green Team" that meets monthly. Each of our employees attends the Green Team meetings which are used for education as well as orientation for practical considerations and best practices, and to brainstorm innovative solutions. All professionals are encouraged to pursue LEED certification and licensure.

Environmental Policy Statement

Meridian Ventures' Environmental policy is to operate with sound environmental management practices. Our goal is to meet and where possible to exceed current environmental standards. Employees of Meridian Ventures will review personal and corporate actions and policies (internal as well as client based) to ensure practical steps are taken to meet applicable standards and best practices. These environmental practices will also be extended to encourage clients to embrace sustainable practices at every level.

Environmentally Preferable Procurement

All purchases are reviewed for environment-friendly options, and are purchased if available. Special emphasis is given to local sources. For example, our toner cartridges are recycled and purchased either locally or shipped directly to our offices. We consider cost effective procurement of recycled materials including paper, and inform and encourage our clients to consider sustainable procurement for materials selection, design, and construction practices.

Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

Meridian is a document-based organization and special emphasis is placed on electronic documents in creation, dissemination, and storage.

As a Project and Construction Management Company with substantial concentration in large scale projects support and implementation, Meridian has developed and practiced its own brand of Integrated Project Delivery (“IPD”) for years. With the fairly recent adoption of IPD practices by both AIA and USGBC’s most recent LEED standards, Meridian will continue to stay at the forefront of the industry in increasing client awareness and encouraging/programming integration of these best practices on all our projects.

Waste

Solid Waste/Material Use Reduction and Reuse

To reduce paper use, we use FTP protocols for sending documents to engineers, consultants, contractors, and reviewers whenever possible. We email clients PDF files for contracts, billing, and plan review. Our production of waste paper has been reduced by more than 75%. Our files have been organized electronically with paper originals maintained by a staff member. Copies made are PDF and not paper.

Recycling

We have instituted an “in-office” recycling program all the glass, aluminum, paper, cardboard, and plastic for our office suite (includes two other companies) for delivery to the Charles County Recycling program.

Energy

Energy Efficiency

As a tenant, Meridian has requested the landlord to install energy-efficient window treatments for the tenant spaces. All incandescent lights in the office suite were replaced with fluorescents when we moved in over two years ago. The outdoor walkway lights under Meridian control are turned off at night when the building is closed. The thermostat is adjusted to recommended settings during the day, and setback when the office is closed nights and weekends to minimize wasteful heating and cooling.

Transportation

Employee Commute

Whenever possible, our employees are encouraged to work from home. Our network resources including email and file server have been configured to provide secure access to email and files, as well as access to corporate voice mail.

Efficient Business Travel

We use teleconferencing when possible for meetings with clients. This eliminates the need for physical meetings, and can eliminate the need for project site visits.

The conference room has been configured for video-conferencing and web meetings and webinars are used when possible.



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