HLS Hauser Hall Basement Offices

LEED Rating System: LEED-CI
LEED Rating: PLATINUM
Date Completed: August, 2012

Project Summary

The Harvard Law School (HLS) Hauser Hall Basement Office renovation project is the renovation of approximately 4,000 SF within an existing building to accommodate the HLS Finance and Human Resources departments relocating from another Harvard owned building in Cambridge. Hauser Hall was constructed in 1994 as part of the Law School's Campus.

The Finance suite contains five individual offices and an open workspace with four workstations and open meeting area. The Human Resources suite contains eight individual offices, a conference room and reception area. A shared kitchenette is located at the end of the common corridor with a small sink, under-counter refrigerator, microwave and water filter.

General Sustainability Goals - A strong emphasis was placed on not only meeting, but also exceeding both the Harvard University Green Building Standards for Fit-outs and LEED-CI v2009 Certification requirements. The project team carried out extensive research to identify materials with sustainable attributes, whether recycled content, purchased locally, or simply re-used. In a below-grade space that receives little daylight, the project team worked to balance efficiency, function and comfort by utilizing various lighting types (LEDs, high efficiency linear fluorescents, task lights, etc), as well as interior partitions with transparent glazing to maximize light transmission through the spaces.

Project Highlights

- 38% Water Use Reduction when compared to EPAct 1992 baseline
- 37% Lighting Power Reduction when compared to ASHRAE 90.1-2007 baseline
- 18% Reused materials value as a percentage of total materials value.
- 56% Regional materials (manufactured within 500 miles) value as a percentage of total materials value.
- 26% Recycled content value as a percentage of total materials value.