

## Greener Facilities

The U.S. Postal Service is committed to making a positive impact on the environment, taking proactive measures wherever possible to make environmentally responsible decisions. We create sustainable spaces for our employees and customers working in and conducting business at our 34,000 Postal facilities across the country. The Postal Service also continues to develop design standards and processes to build the most sustainable and efficient buildings that are life-cycle cost effective.

- Postal buildings are going green. New postal facilities are being built with the indoor and outdoor environment in mind. They have energy-efficient lighting and HVAC, lowwater use fixtures, and recycled, reclaimed, low VOC materials.
- The Denver Post Office has been honored with LEED certification by the U.S. Green Building Council. Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification is a nationally accepted rating system that measures the environmental attributes and sustainable features of buildings.
- The Morgan Processing and Distribution Center in downtown Manhattan has a planted green roof. At nearly 2.5 acres, the roof is an environmental oasis designed to reduce energy use and provide a safe, sustainable outdoor environment for employees. It is the first Green Roof developed by a federal agency and the largest Green Roof in New York City.
- Post Office lobby design standards have been updated to incorporate environmentally conscious building components, including linoleum or bio-based floor tiles, low VOC products, counters and cabinetry using environmentally sensitive, renewable materials and veneers such as bamboo, and more efficient lighting technologies.
- USPS is working to reduce the energy intensity of our existing building portfolio 30 percent, by 2015.
- A variety of sustainable building design concepts have been integrated within the Postal Service's national building design standards. These criteria are used for all new construction as well as repair and alteration projects. The result is facilities that use less energy and have less impact on the environment. Some examples of sustainable building concepts include use of high-efficiency lighting and HVAC, low volatile organic compound paints, recycled-content materials and low water use fixtures.
- The EPA has honored the Postal Service with its Environmental Achievement Award for use of "green solutions" in the Pacific Area, including solar photovoltaic systems, fuel cells, and combined heat and power generation.
- Native plant species are used in landscaping at postal facilities around the country to minimize the use of water and energy resources.
- The Southampton Post Office on Long Island in New York will be the first Postal Service-owned LEED certified facility.