

BUTLER MANUFACTURING HEADQUARTERS RECEIVES ENERGY STAR CERTIFICATION

The headquarters of Butler Manufacturing™ at 1540 Genessee, Kansas City, MO, has received Energy Star Certification, it was announced by Charles Lute, facility manager for the 152,000-sq.-ft. administrative and engineering center. The designation is earned from a joint program administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Energy.



The Energy Star program originated in 1992 as a voluntary labeling program intended to identify and promote energy-saving products that reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with generating the energy to operate them. The EPA extended the certification program a few years later to recognize energy-efficient commercial and industrial buildings. The recognition program has been credited as the driving force behind wider adoption of advanced facility operations technologies, including efficient heating and cooling systems, fluorescent lighting, automated energy management systems and other contributing elements. The program's website estimates the equivalent of \$16 billion dollars worth of energy was saved in 2007, the most recent year cited.

Butler Manufacturing developed the two-story building in 2001 a short distance north of Kemper Arena and within a six-acre site of the former stockyards in the redeveloping West Bottoms District. In addition to meeting the company's operational needs, the structure's contemporary character showcases many of the building systems that Butler supplies to non-residential building programs. In this role, the building has been an effective means of demonstrating the company's products in the high-end office

building market. The comfortable work environment also encourages work group interaction, creativity and cooperation.

The building plan subdivides into a two-wing complex linked by a central “town square” consisting of a large atrium lobby, visitor reception station and cafeteria. Every employee passes through the atrium daily upon arrival or departure or at lunch. Others move through the atrium or across an open sky bridge overlooking it at the second level when moving between the two wings. This inherently reinforces a sense of community among the company’s associates.

The facility also serves as the North American Headquarters for BlueScope Steel, the parent company of Butler Manufacturing.