

Alaska Goes Green

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Alaska Airlines unveiled its “Airport of the Future” at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) in a newly remodeled Terminal 6, where the carrier has replaced traditional ticket counters with customer-friendly check-in kiosks and bag-check stations. In addition to the AOF, the work also included extension of the sterile corridor to offer the airline access to U.S. Customs and Border Protection checkpoints and immigration facilities as they are one of the top international air carriers at LAX.

Other features of the renovated Terminal 6 include a new Board Room lounge, an inline baggage system that supports the entire terminal, installation of fire life safety systems and finish upgrades throughout the terminal, and a common use system to support all airlines that reside in Terminal 6 at LAX.

The construction project incorporated many sustainable building practices in accordance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification by the U.S. Green Building Council. In addition to the use of many sustainable building elements throughout the project, the new Alaska Airlines Board Room Lounge was carefully designed to achieve an anticipated LEED-CI Silver certification.

This was made possible by incorporating sustainable building elements and methods into the Board Room design. Some of the main contributing factors are listed below:

- Use of 30% less water than conventional spaces,
- 84% of the kitchen equipment is ENERGY STAR rated,
- green power credits were purchased,
- approximately 96% of construction wastes were recycled during construction,
- non-VOC paints were used during construction,
- Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) approved wood products were installed throughout, and
- a Green Housekeeping Plan was instated to ensure no harmful products are introduced into the space after occupancy.

Alaska is happy to be working out of the new space, and looks forward to leading the industry on green building at other airports as well.