

GMI BUILDING SERVICES, INC. EARNS (OS1) GREEN CERTIFICATION AWARD



Above: GMI audit team for the 525 B Street Building



THIS IS THE SECOND YEAR GMI HAS EARNED THE (OS1) GREEN CERTIFICATION AWARD

GMI has qualified for the prestigious (OS1) Green Certified Award. GMI qualified by reaching the benchmarked standard on an annual third party audit conducted at their 525 B Street Building managed by Hines in San Diego, CA.

The (OS1) Green Certified Program is the premiere recognition of outstanding custodial organizations dedicated to cleaning for health and reducing environmental harm. To achieve the recognition, a professional cleaning operation receives an audit conducted by ManageMen, Inc. of Salt Lake City, Utah.

(OS1) Green Award Facts

- Over 270 qualification factors
- Only third party validated award in cleaning industry
- Award factors benchmarked as best practices
- (OS1) process validated as clean and green in (OS1) Cleaning Process vs. Traditional Housekeeping Study
- (OS1) Cleaning Process vs. Traditional Housekeeping Study conducted by Dr. Michael Berry, the world's leading academic authority on facility cleaning
- (OS1) Green Certified Program incorporates Green Seal chemicals and USGBC building criteria
- Less than 50 facilities nationwide have met the stringent standards since the (OS1) Green Certified Award was introduced



(OS1) Green Certification Award

The formal presentation of the award will be made during the (OS1) Users Symposium Awards Banquet on August 18th, 2008 in Durango, Colorado.



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Award Based on Audit

The (OS1) audit contains over 270 factors that have been benchmarked as best practices in cleaning organizations. The certification criteria demonstrates that a cleaning organization is using practices that cause facilities to be clean, with a minimal impact on the environment.

Successful candidates must document to the outside auditor that they are actively reducing hazardous chemicals and waste, reusing cleaning materials rather than sending them to the landfill, cleaning safely and effectively recycling.

By attaining the (OS1) Green Certified Program designation, GMI demonstrated their commitment to excellence. The award recognizes an organizations work to apply practical projects to minimize environmental harm. Successful candidates must document that they have adopted a green process of cleaning management.

Larry Abrams, President and CEO of GMI Building Services, commented "I am truly proud of the managers and field personnel at GMI. I am awestruck by the dedicated and professional manner in which they approached the goal of re-certification. The discipline and focus it took to achieve this is really motivating and speaks volumes of the incredible people we have working at GMI. I was humbled to see the empowerment this process gave our employees as they recognized the tremendous impact their individual jobs have on the built environment. I can't think of a better way to mark our 10th year working with ManageMen and (OS1) than by receiving re-certification of one of our premier properties and clients."



Above: 525 B Street Building
San Diego, CA managed by Hines

GMI re-joins an elite group of organizations committed to cleaning, green practices, and protecting the built environment. The Boeing Company was the first organization to receive the certification award in April 2005. Other

organizations who have attained the green certification include:

- The Boeing Company, St. Louis Division, MO
- The University of Texas at Austin
- USSI at 1700 K Street, Washington D.C.
- The University of Massachusetts at Amherst
- Clean-Tech, St. Louis, MO
- Southeast Alaska Regional Healthcare Consortium (SEARHC)
- The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Qualcomm, Inc. San Diego, CA
- Professional Janitorial Service, Houston, TX
- Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, NM



THE (OS1) ENVIRONMENTOR™ PROGRAM recognizes that the janitors in any facility are the chief environmental practitioners. (OS1) users take a proactive approach to environmentally sound cleaning practices. (OS1) is a system for managing the cleaning operation developed by ManageMen, Inc. It was first installed in 1991 at the Delta Center in Salt Lake City, home of the Utah Jazz. The (OS1) program is based on principles of scientific management including standardization, simplification, treating cleaning workers as first class citizens, cleaning for health first (appearance second), tracking, continuous measuring and improving and low environmental impact cleaning activities.