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SUSTAINABLE INTERIOR SHOWROOM



Sustainable interior showrooms display environmentally preferred office furniture for people looking to update their offices. Fort Lewis opened the Army's first of these showrooms in 2007. Fort Jackson recently opened its showroom and took it one step further.

Soldiers have been directed to buy more environmentally friendly office furniture and other products in the Army's effort to go green. Officials at Fort Jackson have turned the in-processing center for soldiers and civilians into a sustainable interior showroom. This is where people who are in the market for new office furniture can see how environment-friendly products look and feel before they decide what to buy.

Three office spaces installed new furniture and flooring and repainted the walls with low VOC paints. Fort Lewis opened its show room in 2007, but Fort Jackson went a step further by making this a "working" showroom.

"That way people can see how that furniture will fit in to a normal office setting" said Barbara Williams, Environmental Engineer. Because this is a working showroom, potential buyers can get feedback from office workers. "They can ask questions. They can ask people if they're happy with it" said Williams

Showroom office products meet the green procurement program requirements. They also meet or exceed several U.S. Green Building Council LEED criteria. LEED is a nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high-performance green buildings. The flooring and furniture products feature recyclability and diverting waste from landfills.

Sustainable interior showrooms are sure to catch on, giving soldiers everywhere options for going green.

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