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## CASE STUDY

Sebesta Blomberg - Roseville, MN

### FAST FACTS

- Sebesta Blomberg was founded in 1994
- Sebesta Blomberg employees approximately 250 people nationwide
- Sebesta Blomberg has over 30 LEED® Accredited Professionals on staff
- Built in 1999, Sebesta Blomberg's headquarters facility is a 1-story, 49,000-square-foot building

### LEED® CERTIFICATION



Sebesta Blomberg, a consulting engineering firm, has been instrumental in achieving LEED® certification for a variety of facilities. Due to Sebesta Blomberg's first-hand knowledge of LEED® programs and their advocacy for environmental stewardship, it was only natural they pursue such a goal for themselves. Sebesta Blomberg Corporate Headquarters, located in Roseville, Minnesota, was the target building. The building is a one story 49,000-square-foot office built in 1999. The goal was to evaluate current operating processes and procedures, identify low to no-cost

improvements and implement LEED® strategies into everyday operation.

During a first pass evaluation, Sebesta Blomberg realized there were many areas in which they were already operating in an environmentally sound way. They could now confidently state why they would continue to operate in such fashion. Areas that Sebesta Blomberg found already in compliance included storm water management practices, water efficient fixtures, daylight and views to the outdoors and controllability of systems.

An internal LEED® team was formed representing all disciplines in facility management. In addition to the building owner, it was essential to their success to include staff directly in charge of facility maintenance and purchasing. Vendors were also involved and educated along the way. In fact, an independent house-keeping service hired by Sebesta Blomberg was instrumental in achieving LEED® certification success by modifying their current practice to comply with LEED® requirements. Adopting green products, practices and equipment into their operation helped Sebesta Blomberg earn five LEED® points toward certification.

As an engineering firm, Sebesta Blomberg generates and uses large quantities of paper. By working with their supplier they were able to find a quality sustainable alternative for their copiers, printers and plotter paper without a significant increase in cost. In addition, Sebesta Blomberg adopted into the company policy requirements that put indoor air quality and occupant comfort at the forefront.

In an area of the country where LEED® is not yet a household name, their experience has not only educated employees but also those with whom they do business. Sebesta Blomberg is committed to continually educating their employees and community through signage located throughout their building that highlight environmentally responsible practices within the organization and presentations at engagements focusing on LEED® systems and sustainable practices.

Sebesta Blomberg has been awarded a LEED® for Existing Buildings Silver level certification by successfully achieving 41 points. The LEED® process has made Sebesta Blomberg even more conscientious of how their everyday operations affect the livelihood of their employees, the environment and the community. As a company offering LEED® facilitation services, Sebesta Blomberg has put themselves in the shoes of a typical building owner and is now even better prepared to walk the walk to LEED® success with their clients.

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