

## OFS Brands Cool Springs Facility

OFS Brands is seeking LEED® - New Construction (NC) Certification for the Cool Springs facility (Horse Barn) located in Velpen, Indiana. The Cool Springs project team consisted of two LEED Accredited Professionals (AP). By following LEED certification guidelines, OFS Brands has expressed a commitment to the environment and our community while also setting a standard for other manufacturers to follow. The following is a brief summary of what LEED strategies are being employed at the OFS Brands Cool Springs facility.

OFS Brands is helping define “green building” by joining the common standard of measurement, promoting integrated, whole-building design practices and becoming certified in environmental leadership in the building industry. We are helping stimulate green competition, raising consumer awareness of green building benefits, and doing our part to help transform the building market. OFS Brands is constantly seeking more effective ways to conserve resources, prevent pollution and nurture environmental consciousness.

Designed to our nation’s high environmental standards by architecture firm Hafer Associates, the OFS Brands Cool Springs facility is seeking LEED®-NC certification under the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. The sustainable design strategies offered benefits far beyond what could be achieved through conventional design. The Cool Springs facility lowers operating costs and increases asset value, reduces waste sent to landfills, conserves energy and water, is healthier and safer for occupants and visitors, reduces harmful greenhouse gas emissions, and demonstrates OFS Brands commitment to environmental stewardship and social responsibility.

OFS Brands is committed to building to LEED Green Building standards for this facility and all future corporate design build projects. OFS Brands is committed to meeting the needs of customers in an environmentally sound and sustainable manner through continuous improvements in environmental performance in all activities. Pollution prevention and enhancement of the environment are fundamental to good business and good neighbor status in our local community and worldwide. It is OFS Brands’ goal to act as responsible stewards of the environment by utilizing manufacturing methods that emphasize pollution prevention, waste minimization, recycling and the use of non-hazardous materials.

The OFS Brands Cool Springs 16,875 square foot facility is located in Velpen, Indiana.

### **Certification Criteria**

Sustainable Sites

Energy and Atmosphere

Materials and Resources

Indoor Environmental Quality

Innovation and Design Process

## **Innovation and Design Process** Certification criteria

The OFS Brands facility is seeking to achieve multiple LEED credits in the area of innovation and design process.

LEED Innovation Credits can be achieved when a project exceeds the criteria by twice the base requirements for the credit or, in the case of multitiered credits, the next tier.

The Cool Springs facility provided innovation by demonstrating exceptional or innovative performance above the requirements set by the LEED rating system. OFS Brands identified the intent of the proposed innovation credits, the proposed requirements for compliance, proposed submittals to demonstrate compliance, and the design approach (strategies) that were used to meet the requirements.

OFS Brands has participated in one specific potential innovation and design credit for going above and beyond the LEED-NC standards. This potential ID credit is educational value. The OFS Brands Cool Springs facility has environmental attributes in sustainable design that will be conveyed to our facility guests through comprehensive signage and an educational outreach program to educate the occupants and visitors of the benefit of green buildings. This will be accomplished through a PowerPoint presentation identifying the environmental attributes of the Cool Springs facility that contributed to our LEED-NC potential certification, followed by a walk through tour of this facility.

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