

Announcement

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Trace Associates Inc. Expands “Green” Office in St. Albert, Alberta

St. Albert, Alberta – Trace Associates Inc. (Trace) expanded their downtown St. Albert office to focus on opportunities in the Edmonton area and northern Canada.

The continued growth and investment in the energy and industrial sector in Alberta has created an increased demand for environmental consulting services (i.e. environmental/eco-industrial planning, spill response, environmental site assessment, soil and groundwater remediation, facility demolition and decommissioning, environmental auditing, etc.).

When renovations and expansion were required in our new office space we decided to lead by example and implemented the following sustainable solutions to ensure our office is “green”:

- Reduced walls requiring demolition to reduce demolition waste and reduce demand for raw construction materials.
- Purchased environmentally responsible office furniture, office equipment/appliances and paint; all with low volatile organic compound materials and top-rated energy efficiency.
- Maximized the use of natural lighting and installed energy efficient lighting (with brighter light output and less noise).
- Designed office layout so that minimal renovations would be required if the office expanded to the adjacent spaces.
- Purchased office furniture and designed offices to allow for high density occupancy while still maintaining worker productivity and privacy.
- Located the office near the river valley trail system to encourage employee exercise and park use during breaks.

“Trace Associates is continuing to expand its service offerings to clients throughout western and northern Canada” said Darrell Haight, President. “We believe that our commitment to health and safety and our implementation of sustainable development practices in our own business shows our clients we want to lead by example. With the tightening economy we continue to be true to our values and seek opportunity to ensure a win-win for the environment and our long-term business success”.

About Trace Associates Inc.

Founded in 2006, Trace Associates Inc. is an employee-owned environmental consulting firm serving western and northern Canada. We possess an energetic team of professionals capable of managing and efficiently completing all types of projects. We take pride in our enthusiasm, focus on safety, and client responsiveness.

Trace values its employees and provides a rewarding, collaborative, and secure working environment, where team members possess the opportunity to work on projects with renowned clients, take ownership in the company, and grow and develop their careers and skill sets within the firm.

Trace Associates Inc. provides sustainable environmental consulting services to real estate, development, energy and industrial clients during all stages of the project life cycle (planning, construction, operation, decommissioning and redevelopment).

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