

LOTT's Regional Services Center

LOTT's new Regional Services Center houses the WET Science Center, an expanded Water Quality Laboratory, and offices at the site of the Budd Inlet Treatment Plant. Offering a new public face for the regional wastewater and reclaimed water utility, design and construction of this building was the first implementation project from the Budd Inlet Treatment Plant Master Plan. Coordinated with other major projects planned in the East Bay area – including the new Hands On Children's Museum and East Bay Public Plaza – programs offered in the new building open the door to exciting educational partnerships focused on water.



Design and Construction

Design for the new Regional Services Center began in 2006 with selection of the architectural firm Miller|Hull Partnership, and guidance from a team comprised of LOTT staff members and a Board member. The design team worked closely with the Port of Olympia, the City of Olympia, and the Hands On Children's Museum to coordinate with the broader design concept for redevelopment of a portion of East Bay that will serve the community as a whole. Construction of the Regional Services Center began in February 2009 by Korsmo Construction, with over 40 subcontractors. The building was completed in July 2010. Construction costs were approximately \$13.5 million.



Building Highlights

The Regional Services Center is four stories tall, allowing for a relatively small building footprint to reserve maximum space at the treatment plant for future process improvements. It provides 25,000 square feet of new floor space and 7,600 square feet of remodeled space. The building was awarded LEED Platinum certification for environmentally responsible design, construction, and operation. Some of the building's unique green features include electricity and heat energy supplied by an on-site cogeneration system; the use of reclaimed water for toilet flushing and irrigation; over 5,000 square feet of green roof; and a reclaimed water fountain and pond to showcase Class A Reclaimed Water.

Office Tower

- Four stories with 22,400 square feet
- Includes staff offices, work rooms, meeting rooms, and expanded public Board Room
- Brings all LOTT staff onto the treatment plant site, eliminating the need for leased office space

Water Quality Laboratory

- 4,200 square feet of remodeled space, reducing the amount of new construction needed
- Doubles the size of the laboratory
- Upgrades air-handling equipment to meet current standards
- Improves efficiency
- Accommodates Class A Reclaimed Water sampling and lab requirements, which are much more demanding than those for the secondary treatment process

WET Science Center

- Includes 2,600 square feet of interactive and interpretive exhibits about water, wastewater treatment, reclaimed water, water conservation, and related water quality issues
- Provides a classroom for educational activities and presentations
- Supplements treatment plant tours
- Helps connect people to the water cycle and environmental stewardship
- Builds on the proven track record and dollar value of water conservation education
- Establishes a partnership with the Hands On Children's Museum to develop complementary exhibits and educational materials
- Helps attract young people to the profession to sustain LOTT's workforce into the future

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