

One of our missions here at Boulder Associates is to promote environmental stewardship throughout the company.

We describe environmental stewardship as those ideas, strategies, tools, practices, and approaches that lead to environmental improvement that is sustainable over time, that consider both the short and long term effects, and that contribute positively to the social and economic condition of the firm, the community, and those whose lives we touch through our work.

The following are some of the ways in which we work to achieve this:

- Our Boulder Office is certified [LEED](#) Gold by the [U.S. Green Building Council](#) and our Sacramento office is in the process of attempting the same environmental certification.
- All offices are powered by renewable energy (such as wind, solar, & biomass) through the purchase of [Green-e certified Renewable Energy Certificates](#).
- Emissions from round-trip air travel and car rental are offset by [donations which fund the planting of trees](#).
- Emissions from personal automobile travel can be voluntarily offset through the purchase of [TerraPasses](#). The firm splits the costs of the TerraPasses 50/50 with staff. All principals participate.
- An active volunteer committee identifies group and individual volunteer opportunities. In the past year, staff members have participated in events through the following organizations: [Project Cure](#), [Boys and Girls Club](#), [Ronald McDonald House](#) and [Wildlands Restoration](#).
- All employees are provided with annual bus passes at no charge.
- All offices have been provided with office bicycles that employees may use to run errands, and bicycle parking is provided.
- Boulder Associates has been a member of the [U.S. Green Building Council](#) since 2001 and was a founding member of the [USGBC Colorado Chapter](#).
- Employees are encouraged to become LEED accredited. The firm provides study materials and pays for the first attempt of the exam. Currently there are 45 [LEED Accredited Professionals](#) on staff.
- Environmentally preferable purchasing includes paper, tissues, paper towels, cleaners, paper plates, utensils, folders, binders, lamps, coffee and tea.
- Reusable plates, mugs, cups and silverware are provided. When disposables are necessary, compostable products are provided at offices with composting programs.
- Currently 97% of all office electronic equipment and appliances are [ENERGY STAR](#) compliant and all new purchases and leases are to be ENERGY STAR compliant.

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These initiatives, as well as the many found in our company's Sustainable Business Practices Policy, outline our commitment to environmental stewardship. We invite you to contact us for the complete list.