

West Bend is a Star!

WEST BEND, WI (March 29, 2012) – West Bend associates have always known our buildings are energy efficient and we take extra measures to reduce our carbon footprint. Now the federal government knows too!

West Bend was recently designated as an ENERGY STAR Certified building. This means we've met strict energy performance standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and our buildings use less energy, are less expensive to operate, and cause fewer greenhouse gas emissions than our peers. West Bend's rating is 81 which means our buildings are more energy efficient than 80 percent of all commercial buildings nationwide.

Energy use in commercial buildings and manufacturing plants accounts for nearly half of all energy consumption in the U.S. at a cost of over \$200 billion per year, more than any other sector of the economy. Commercial and industrial facilities are also responsible for nearly half of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions which contribute to climate change.

West Bend's heating and cooling systems are state-of-the-art and are huge factors in our energy efficiency. Other, less obvious, factors make a difference, too; for instance, programmed lighting systems in parking lots and outdoor walkways and special coating on the windows. Things we do, like closing blinds and turning off lights, keep our buildings cooler on hot summer days. And when we're more energy efficient, our operating costs are reduced.

