



Kimball Office earns SmartWay certification

As reported in May this year, Kimball Office, in conjunction with our parent company Kimball International, achieved certification as a SmartWay Partner by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) both as a fleet and as a shipper.

“The EPA SmartWay program is a very rigorous evaluation,” said Jeff Fenwick, Vice President /General Manager, Kimball Office. “To accomplish this certification so quickly and with such a high score speaks volumes about the hard work and commitment of our logistics team in implementing sustainable practices over the past few years.”

The SmartWay Transport Partnership is a collaborative voluntary program between the EPA and the freight industry to increase energy efficiency while significantly reducing greenhouse gases and air pollution. Kimball ranks in the top 25 percentile of SmartWay partners.

Our score met the highest published score in the SmartWay program and represents the continuously high level of operation by the Kimball fleet, including:

- Saving significant amounts of diesel fuel
- Reducing carbon dioxide emissions by 26.3%
- Cutting particulate matter by 22.5%
- Decreasing nitrogen oxides by 26%

Indoor Air Quality Testing

We're making a change

One of the largest contributions office furniture can make to a building's LEED certification is indoor air quality (i.e., low-emitting products). In January of this year, we made the decision to investigate other indoor air quality (IAQ) certification programs. After extensive research, the decision was made to move from the Greenguard Environmental Institute's (GEI) Greenguard Indoor Air Certification Program to Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) Indoor Advantage program.

Reasons for this decision:

- We support the development and use of open and consensus-based standards. SCS uses the BIFMA Furniture Emission Standard (FES) as its protocol for testing.
- We were active participants in the development of the BIFMA FES, which allows modeling from mid-scale chamber testing to large chamber. We have confirmed this methodology with our own modeling.
- We want to standardize our third-party certifier. SCS provides several areas of certification where our market expects third-party certification (i.e., IAQ, FSC, LCA, BIFMA SS, and Material Content).



What you need to know about Indoor Advantage:

- All Kimball Office products that were Greenguard certified will be certified to Indoor Advantage or Indoor Advantage Gold, through SCS.
- Current Greenguard certified products will be certified until September 21, 2008.
- Products certified to Indoor Advantage meet the BIFMA FES and LEED requirements.
- Products certified to Indoor Advantage Gold meet the BIFMA FES, LEED, and CA 01350 requirements.
- The SCS website (www.scscertified.com) has been updated with a listing of Kimball Office products.
- Certificates are available on the SCS website when selecting the desired product.
- The certification period is May 20, 2008 thru May 19, 2009.