



One of the largest contributions office furniture can make to a building's LEED certification is indoor air quality (IAQ) via low-emitting products. In January of this year, Kimball Office made the decision to investigate other third-party indoor air quality 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.

DECISION CRITERIA

- Kimball Office supports 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).

CERTIFICATION GUIDELINES

- All Kimball Office products that were Greenguard certified will be certified to Indoor Advantage or Indoor Advantage Gold.
- 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.

AVAILABILITY

- The certification period for existing Indoor Advantage certified product is May 20, 2008 thru May 19, 2009.
- Products that receive Indoor Advantage certification later will become effective for one year from the time of certification.
- Current Greenguard certification on products is valid until September 21, 2008.