
P2E2 Roundtable

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Tour of Benco Dental, Pittston, Luzerne County



P2E2 Roundtable Meeting 4th Quarter/Benco Dental, LEED Silver Certified Building, Pittston, Luzerne County. Members of the PAEP P2 E2 Roundtable attended the LEED Green Building Tour at Benco Dental in Pittston. Benco Dental is the largest privately owned, full-service distributor of dental supplies and equipment services in the U.S. In December 2009, Benco introduced their new LEED certified 272,800 square foot, state-of-the art headquarters, distribution center and showroom. On average, LEED Certified facilities produce 33% less carbon emissions, 13% lower maintenance costs, use 26% less energy, and have a 27% higher occupant satisfaction rate than non-certified facilities. The office space offers a clean, green and lean take on all things including dozens of floor-to-ceiling windows, low cubicles and recycling containers throughout the building.

The most exciting part of the CenterPoint location is the showroom, which features 25 fully-functioning operatories and products from dozens of vendors. Each operatory is equipped with different flooring, wall coverings, and countertops, allowing for customers to visualize a new office space. Furthermore, the showroom is home to a state-of-the-art digital imaging suite which displays 14 operational digital x-rays offering both 2D and 3D imaging.

Benco Dental is committed to sustainability and the organization is continuously discovering and implementing ways in which they can help preserve the environment. Benco has a whole team devoted to their “green” initiatives that includes their recycling program, partnering with the EPA Mid-Atlantic region, donating to the CarbonFund to offset carbon emissions, providing ecofriendly products and conducting energy audits. Benco Dental was also a participant in the Wilkes University Sustainable Management Certificate Advisory Board along with the NERO OPPEA and has joined the Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Professionals (PAEP).