



## Perris News

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### JPA IntelliCenter Wins Gold LEED Certification

Perris' commitment to sustainable building is well-known, as the City has garnered several regional, state and national honors in recent years for "going green."

Now Perris officials finds themselves on the cutting edge once again, this time for their commitment to the March Joint Powers Authority (JPA) as it embarks on its own sustainable building efforts on land that once served as part of a Strategic Air Command military base.

Perris, along with the cities of Moreno Valley and Riverside and Riverside County, serve as policymakers for the March JPA, which is charged with redeveloping surplus property on the former March Air Force Base.

The JPA, under the leadership of its sister organization, the March Joint Powers Commission, has completed several major construction projects and continues developing new uses for the old base, all in an effort to bring good jobs to the region, create sustainable development, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and keep working couples closer to home.

The latest example from the JPA is the Intellicenter, a 150,000-square-foot, three-story office building just north of Perris west of Interstate 215.

The center, which was completed last year, has already received the gold certification in Leadership for in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), meaning it is on the cutting edge of sustainable design. A major reason for that certification is its "under-floor air distribution system," which is much more efficient than overhead heating and cooling ducts. The system also provides for individual floor plates at most work station, which allow employees to regulate the temperature around their desk and cubicle.

Perris City Councilman Mark Yarbrough, who also sits on the March Joint Powers Commission, called the Intellicenter the "future of intelligent building design." The best estimates are the system reduced energy consumption by 30 percent.

"This building is state-of-the-art when it comes to long-term sustainability," he said during a tour of the Intellicenter.

"This building reflects the City of Perris' and the March Joint Powers Authority's commitment to promoting green technologies. Our vision continues moving forward, even during these difficult economic time."

Realtor Thomas Pierik said the Intellicenter would prove ideal for an insurance company, call center, credit card processing location or government-services office. The center could provide up to 900 jobs and with its close proximity to Interstate 215 and Highway 60, serve as an employment magnet for Perris, the surrounding cities and the entire Inland Area.

Pierik said the Intellicenter design contributes to a greener planet by not only saving on its internal energy use but by attracting Perris-area commuters to work closer to home.

"You reduce your carbon footprint by keeping people and vehicles off the roads," he said.



Perris City Councilman Mark Yarbrough explains the state-of-the-art heating and cooling system installed in the floor of the Intellicenter office building.



Perris City Councilman Mark Yarbrough also sits on the March Joint Powers Commission: The Intellicenter "reflects our commitment to go green."