The FAS Eddy Rivas Laboratory Renovation project scope includes renovations within the 1st floor of the Bio Labs Building. The scope covers select demolition and construction of new partitions, ceilings, and general finish upgrades as part of the total renovation of existing office, conference and laboratory spaces. Work also includes new lighting throughout and mechanical system upgrades and additions to support the new laboratory spaces. The renovation will encompass approximately 4,115 square feet. The project’s goals were to create high performance lab spaces that optimize energy and the indoor environment, reduce resource consumption, and increase occupant engagement. The project team was committed to sustainability from the onset and followed the Harvard Green Building Standards to make more informed decisions. These standards led to the inclusion of a number of progressive design strategies to meet aggressive energy targets and reduce water use without significant additional cost. The project achieved LEED-CI v3 Gold certification in December 2016.

**LEED® Facts**
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Eddy Rivas Laboratory

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**Project Metrics**

- **43%** reduction in water use below code maximum
- **100%** of the eligible equipment and appliances by rated power are ENERGY STAR certified
- **100%** of individual and shared multi-occupant spaces have lighting controls
- **28%** reduction in lighting power density
- **100%** of the HVAC&R equipment does not utilize CFC-based refrigerants
- **100%** of the project’s adhesives, sealants, paints, coatings, flooring systems, composite wood and furniture are low-emitting
Mechanical Systems and Indoor Environmental Quality

Mechanical Systems

ECM 1: High Efficiency Fans and Motors
ECM 2: Occupancy Sensors
ECM 3: High Efficiency Fan Coil Unit
ECM 4: Variable Air Volume Control (VAV)
ECM 5: Temperature Sensors
ECM 6: Chilled Beam Conditioning

The overall strategy of the HVAC system design was to reduce energy use through the installation of high efficiency equipment and controls. The design includes a VAV box, which controls the fresh air entering the space from the existing rooftop air handling unit. A FCU, which is served by the VAV box, reconditions the air and distributes the fresh air to the chilled beams, providing the cooling for the space while radiant hot water panels provide the necessary heating.

Additionally, each individual space or shared-office has its own zone and the occupants are able to control the temperature via a wall mounted thermostat.

Indoor Environmental Quality

The high indoor environmental quality of the Eddy Rivas Laboratory renovation was a significant focus of the project. An indoor Quality Management Plan was enacted to ensure the protection of building systems, building occupants, construction related occupants, and interior building materials from air pollutants, excessive moisture exposure, and moisture damage during construction.

The selection of low chemical-emitting construction and finish materials was an important driving force in the design phase. The project includes low VOC adhesives, sealants, paints, coatings, primers, and flooring systems. All wood and agrifiber products are also free of urea-formaldehyde.
Decreasing the demand for potable water is the first step towards sustainable water management. Therefore, the plumbing system for the Eddy Rivas Laboratory was designed to reduce resource consumption, specifically potable water use. Potable water use was reduced by incorporating a low-flow fixture in the project space. In the Cafe, a 1.5 gpm kitchen sink was installed, reducing water use in the space by over 43% when compared to the baseline plumbing fixtures required by code.

Since there are no flush fixtures installed as part of the project scope and there are no flush fixtures located within the tenant space, tenants must utilize bathrooms in close proximity to the Eddy Rivas Laboratory. The bathroom which is used by the project tenants has installed a water closet with a GPF of 1.28, a urinal with an installed GPF of 0, and a lavatory faucet metered at 0.1 GPC. With the addition of these calculations, the overall percent reduction of water use in all fixtures is just over 43%.

Lighting and Electrical Systems

The Eddy Rivas Laboratory space is expected to be occupied for extended periods through-out the year, therefore, it is crucial that the energy reduction strategies also focus on reducing lighting energy. The lighting system was designed to not only reduce energy use, but also to improve in the indoor environmental quality of the space and provide optimal lighting. Some of the strategies employed include:

- Reduce lighting power density by 28% below the ASHRAE 90.1 baseline standard
- High performance LEDs installed throughout the project space
- Ceiling mounted occupancy sensors capable of managing lighting setbacks for lab, work spaces, and support rooms.
- Lighting controls with multiple lighting levels.

Plumbing Systems and Potable Water Use Reduction
LIGHTING AND CONTROLS

- **28% reduction** in lighting power density (watts/square foot)

**Edge LED Recessed Linear**
- Pinnacle
- Total fixture wattage = 25 watts
- LED fixture with dimming capability

**LED Wall Wash**
- Finelite
- Total fixture wattage = 20 Watts
- LED Fixture
- High performance luminaire that delivers excellent visual comfort and uniform illumination

**Multi-Technology Ceiling Occupancy Sensor**
- Leviton
- Saves energy by keeping the lights OFF while the room is unoccupied.

ENERGY EFFICIENT APPLIANCES & WATER EFFICIENCY

- **100%** of the equipment purchased for the project is **ENERGY STAR RATED** (by rated power).
- **43% reduction** in annual water use when compared to EPAct 1992 baseline standard.

**Slim Direct-Lit LED Display**
- Model #DM40E - DM-E
- Samsung
- ENERGY STAR®, Innovative cooling technology, even during 24/7 continuous operation

**Bottom Freezer Refrigerator**
- Model #FFBF245SSX
- Summit
- ENERGY STAR®, Saves energy waste by putting the freezer under the refrigerator to keep commonly used contents at eye level

**Manual Faucet**
- Model #50-L9-317XKABCP
- Chicago
- 1.5 gallons per minute (gpm) aerator vs. EPAct baseline of 2.2 gpm.

LOW-EMITTING MATERIALS

- **100%** of the project’s adhesives, sealants, paints, coatings, and flooring systems are **low-emitting**.

**Vinyl Flooring**
- Model #Linen Cherry Cork
- Wicanders
- FloorScore Certified

**Sheet & Tile Adhesive**
- Model #Sustain 885 M
- Forbo
- No VOCs
- Non-toxic, solvent-free Marmoleum sheet and tile adhesive

**Interior Latex Primer**
- Model #Ultra Spec 500
- Benjamin Moore
- No VOCs

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**PROJECT SCORECARD**

**FAS Eddy Rivas Lab Renovation**

**Project ID**: 1000059294  
**Rating system & version**: LEED-NC v2009  
**Project registration date**: 06/25/2015

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**LEED FOR COMMERCIAL INTERIORS (V2009)**

**Attempted**: 80, **Denied**: 1, **Pending**: 0, **Awarded**: 79 of 110 points

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**MORE INFORMATION**

- Harvard Faculty of Arts and Sciences: [http://www.fas.harvard.edu/home/](http://www.fas.harvard.edu/home/)  
- Eddy Rivas Lab: [http://eddylab.org/](http://eddylab.org/)  