Isotek Offices Furnished With Used Items

Isotek Systems, LLC, a DOE-direct contractor, recently set up a new office facility in Oak Ridge, Tennessee for about 100 personnel. April Newcomb was tasked with coordinating this effort and she obtained used furniture and other used office items. Operating on a budget of $100,000, April led a team effort where most items were purchased from a local vendor and other items were obtained via DOE property transfers. Specific items obtained included desk units, chairs, bookcases, file cabinets, tables, wall cabinets, keyboard trays, and trash cans.

This effort reduced the impact on the environment through reuse of items and reduced the impact on the budget by saving an estimated $426,539. Not only was this an example of the highest order of environmentally preferable purchasing, the offices look great and are very comfortable. Furthermore, this effort has increased awareness of environmentally preferable purchasing practices and led to additional efforts by Isotek Project personnel to obtain used items.

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