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Fact Sheet: **National Office Furniture Announces level™ 2 and 3 Product Certification**

**What is ANSI/BIFMA's level product certification program?**

Based on the ANSI/BIFMA Furniture e3 Sustainability Standard, level™ is a multi-attribute, third-party certification program for sustainable business furniture. The level program evaluates the environmental impact of a product through its entire supply chain, including the areas of material selection, manufacturing processes, energy used, human and ecosystem health, and social responsibility.

There are three levels of conformance, each requiring specific prerequisites and optional credits, similar to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) certification. Credits are awarded for various sustainable attributes to achieve level 1, 2 or 3 with the most stringent certification being level 3 under the current ANSI/BIFMA program.

National Office Furniture uses Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) as their third party certifier. SCS awarded National the following product certifications:

**level 3 Series:**

Casegoods & Storage

- Arrowood™ Veneer
- Arrowood™ Laminate
- Barrington®
- Captivate®
- Casbah®
- Envyworks®
- Hiland™
- Renegade™
- WaveWorks®

Tables

- Arrowood™ Laminate Conference Tops
- Universal Laminate Conference Tops
- WaveWorks® Laminate and Thermofoil Conference Tops

**level 3 Series with required FSC-certified wood option:**

Seating

- Acquaint®
- Admire®
- Eloquence® Guest

Tables

- Casbah® Veneer Conference Tops
- WaveWorks® Veneer Conference Tops
- WaveWorks® Veneer, Laminate and Thermofoil Training worksurfaces
- WaveWorks® Flip/Nest Veneer, Laminate and Thermofoil Training Tables

**level 2 Series:**

Casegoods & Storage

- Clever®
- Escalade®
- Flourish™
- Franklin™
- Lauderdale®
- Roosevelt™
- Universal Bookcases & Files
- WaveWorks® Metal

Divider

- Chameleon™

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## **level 2 Series continued:**

### Seating

- Acquaint®
- Admire®
- Arlington™
- Aurora®
- Cinch®
- Eloquence®
- Fuel®
- Gotcha™
- Journey®
- Justice®
- Medalist™
- Mix-it®
- Monterrey™
- Pennant™
- Remedy®
- Reno®
- Respect®
- Swift™
- Tag®
- Timberlane™
- Triumph™

### Tables and Media and Presentation Furniture

- All Occasional Tables
- Arrowood™
- Barrington®
- Captivate®
- Casbah®
- Clever®
- Escalade®
- Flourish™
- Franklin™
- Hiland™
- Lauderdale®
- Universal
- WaveWorks®

### Wall Rail Solution

- Exhibit™

## **More about National's Environmental and Social Stewardship**

### Recent recognition:

- Indiana manufacturing facilities earned membership to Indiana's Department of Environmental Management's Environmental Stewardship Program and Department of Labor's OSHA Voluntary Protection Program STAR Status.
- Fordsville, Kentucky, facility awarded Kentucky's 2010 Resource Caretaker Award.
- All manufacturing facilities certified ISO 9000 (Quality Management System), ISO 14001 (Environmental Management System) and Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Chain of Custody.

**Gift of Inspiration Program** – The *Gift of Inspiration* program began in 2009 to enable opportunities for educators and healthcare providers to enrich lives and communities. National wanted to do its part in supporting educators, students, caregivers, and care recipients with a chance to provide inspirational, meaningful programs, especially as funding for these important initiatives has been challenged by the economy. National's program allows the organization to give back to these markets with financial gifts that may be used for technology needs, scholarships, training and development programs, or facility enhancements. The program has awarded \$85,000 in donations to date. Winners are randomly selected and the program does not require purchase or a grant application.

**ANEW** – National partnered with Asset Network for Education Worldwide (ANEW) to extend the life cycle of its furnishings by promoting the donation of used products to underserved organizations. ANEW is a nonprofit organization dedicated to organizing the repurposing of surplus furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FF&E).

### **About National Office Furniture:**

National Office Furniture, a brand unit of Kimball International, is a Jasper, Indiana-based manufacturer of high-quality office furnishings. Since 1980, National has built a reputation for excellence with stylish furniture of exceptional value; a dedication to personalized service; product designs that reflect a passion for the user's comfort and productivity; and a commitment to environmental responsibility.

For more information about National and its products, visit: [www.NationalOfficeFurniture.com](http://www.NationalOfficeFurniture.com)