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Bullock Tice Associates is proving that eco-friendly operation can co-exist with business growth. From the building in which BTA operates daily, to the communication with clients and consultants, Bullock Tice makes every effort to reduce the company's carbon footprint and creates eco-accountability at every stage of the design-to-construction chain.

Located at the corner of Cervantes and 10th Avenue, the existing building that houses the 44 person Architectural and Interior Design firm was once a Delchamp's Grocery store. The renovation of the building twenty five years ago was a step in becoming "green" long before the term was a buzz word. The two story building's renovation was completed in 1984, and a few of the eco-friendly remodeling features included the building's white reflective roof and making use of landscape and trees around the building to provide shade from the Florida sun. Re-use of the existing urban structure was not only an effort to make use of accessible space, but to revitalize the area while giving the company room to expand.

The recycling of paper, aluminum and cardboard is a continuing practice that spans decades. Along with recycling print cartridges, most employees perform an average of 80% of daily correspondence electronically, eliminating waste of paper and ink. Styrofoam and plastic plates and utensils were replaced several years ago with ceramic and stainless counterparts. Copy machines are set to energy save modes, and computer monitors are Energy Star compliant. Throughout the building, high efficiency fluorescent lights are present.

One third, or 14 of BTA's 44 employees are LEED Accredited. LEED Professional Accreditation distinguishes building professionals with the knowledge and skills to successfully steward the LEED certification process. The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System encourages and accelerates global adoption of sustainable green building and development practices through the creation and implementation of universally understood and accepted tools and performance criteria.

Bullock Tice Associates recently designed the EPA Research Support Facility in Gulf Breeze which is one of only two facilities in the Pensacola area with a certified LEED Rating. Gulf Breeze Research Center -LEED Rated