

PRESS RELEASE

## Unicel louvers-within-glass solution achieves LEED® Gold Certification for new educational facility

### Vision Control® helps ensure thermal performance for Morgan State's new Center for the Built Environment and Infrastructure Studies

**MONTREAL, Canada – February 28, 2012** – Unicel Architectural, the leading manufacturer of vision and daylight control solutions, today announced the completion of a project that incorporates its Vision Control® insulating glass units (IGUs) with integrated cord-free louvers into Morgan State University's new Center for the Built Environment and Infrastructure Studies (CBEIS) - a 126,000 square foot shared facility for academic, engineering and design programs.

The CBEIS includes four levels of educational rooms, a green roof, a sky-lit atrium and a gallery-like space for displays and social interaction. Morgan State mandated that the new CBEIS facility be at the forefront of sustainable design practices and achieve specific LEED® Certification standards.

"Morgan State's forward-thinking vision on sustainable design set a high bar for thermal performance," said Jean-Francois Couturier, CEO of Unicel. "To participate in this industry-leading project, we needed to demonstrate Vision Control's® technical capabilities regarding visibility, light transmittance, u-values and other thermal performance characteristics to verify LEED® credits. We are proud to be a part of the CBEIS vision for sustainable excellence."

Architects The Freelon Group, with Hord Coplan Macht, selected Unicel's Vision Control® based on thermal performance, product life-cycle cost benefits and effective daylighting support. The installation includes 164 triple-glazed Vision Control® sealed glass units at fixed windows and 48 double-glazed Vision Control® sealed glass units at operable windows, and delivers the required u-values to achieve LEED® Gold Certification. Vision Control® is expected to help decrease the building's operational costs and offer substantial savings over the life of the product.

Project participants included construction manager the Barton Malow Company and glazing sub-contractor Zephyr Aluminum. The CBEIS project is now completed and due for occupation at the end of 2012.

To view the CBEIS Case Study, visit: [www.unicelarchitectural.com](http://www.unicelarchitectural.com)

## About Unicel Architectural

For over 45 years, Unicel Architectural has built a reputation for the most advanced aluminum and glass solutions. These solutions encompass louvered glazing, skylights and more, to enhance major global construction initiatives with utmost quality and reliability. With its proprietary technology, Unicel's Vision Control® delivers unprecedented comfort and control of vision, light, temperature and sound with a patented combination of louvers between glass that are hermetically sealed and cordless. Unicel's solutions are guaranteed for longevity, optimized for energy efficiency, and customizable to any design, environmental or cultural requirements. Unicel combines its market leading know-how with great design to ensure optimal aesthetics and sustainable performance. For more information visit: [www.unicelarchitectural.com](http://www.unicelarchitectural.com)

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