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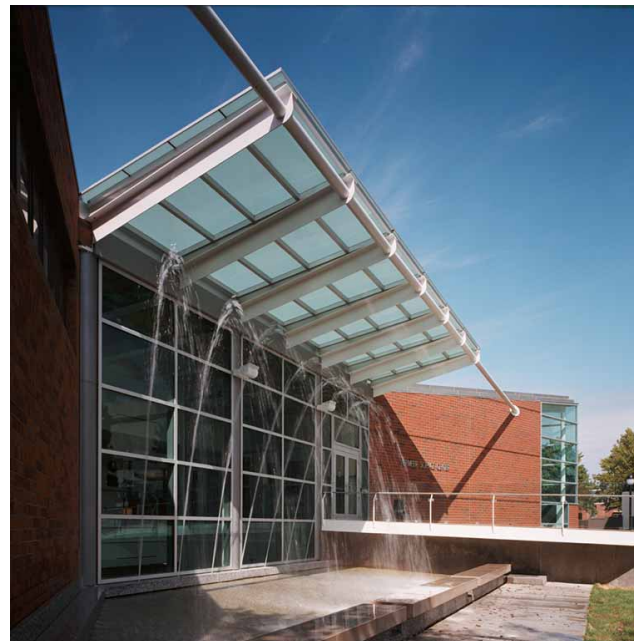
First LEED-Certified Science Facility in Iowa

Holabird & Root renovated and expanded the Vermeer Science Center at Central College in Pella, Iowa. Built in 1978, the 27,551-g.s.f. Vermeer Science Center needed significant upgrades to mechanical systems, computer network connections, classrooms and laboratory spaces. The 43,645-g.s.f. wraparound addition houses classrooms, laboratory and office space for the disciplines of biology, chemistry, physics, pre-engineering, environmental studies, mathematics and computer science. Advanced student and faculty research labs are grouped together by physical requirements such as the concentration of fume hoods or need for proximity to the service area or research greenhouse. All of the faculty offices are clustered together on the north side of the addition to encourage faculty interaction. The prominent corners of the addition feature common spaces used by all of the departments such as study rooms, computer labs and a multipurpose, 100-seat auditorium. Other spaces include a new greenhouse, museum display areas, and a special collections science library and reading room.

Holabird & Root is committed to sustainable design and a clean environment. Our team of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) accredited architects and Certified Indoor Air Quality Professional (CIAQP) engineers worked to establish the Vermeer Science Center as the first LEED-certified science facility in Iowa. The project earned a LEED Silver rating from the United States Green Building Council.

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