

# Watson named 2011 Top Green Manufacturer by Seattle Business magazine



2011 AWARD **WINNER**

manufacturing

## Watson, Poulsbo

Manufacturer of office furniture using locally sourced, environmentally friendly materials.

[watsonfurniture.com](http://watsonfurniture.com)

**GREEN ACTIONS** > Watson Furniture Group uses water-based wood stain and a contact adhesive with an ultra-low VOC (volatile organic compound) rating. Its manufacturing facility has no floor drains and was designed to facilitate environmentally friendly ways of building furniture. A recent lighting fixture upgrade replaced 426 fixtures on the manufacturing floor and within the administrative offices with LED and induction lighting fixtures. Instead of following the industry standard of chemical dip tanks to clean steel,



Watson furniture lines, including FUSION, rely heavily on recycled materials

Watson uses a steam-cleaning system, eliminating discharge to stream waters. Outside storm drains with catch basins channel rainwater to a retention pond. An on-site septic system centralizes waste disposal.

**RESULTS** > The lighting upgrade reduced annual electricity usage by 49 percent and total power consumption by 11 percent—enough to run 15 average homes per year. The steel-cleaning system results in just one self-contained tote of gray water pulled every 60 to 90 days for filtration and disposal.