



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **ALBERTA SCHOOLS GET FIRST "GREEN" CLASSROOM**

*Modus Delivers Alberta's First LEED Silver Modular Classroom*

**CALGARY, Alberta** (February 5, 2009) – Alberta students just received the first of fifty planned environmentally-friendly classrooms from the Alberta Government as part of its ongoing commitment to "green" schools across the province.

As part of an \$8 million modular classroom contract awarded to Alberta-based manufacturer, Modus, the new modular classrooms are the first set of classrooms to meet the government's newly introduced building specifications that focus on LEED compliance and ongoing sustainability.

LEED is a green point-based rating system developed by the Green Building Council for assuring that buildings are designed and built to be energy and resource efficient and healthy for occupants. Points are awarded for an explicit set of environmental performance criteria, organized in five key performance areas including: Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Energy and Atmosphere, Materials and Resources, and Indoor Air Quality.

"As a corporate philosophy, Modus has embarked on the time-consuming and costly progression toward gaining LEED certification for its modular structures. As a direct result today, Modus is now able to manufacture the first LEED Silver modular classrooms of its kind in Canada," said John Verhagen, president and CEO of Modus. "Far from the old portables, Modus continues its legacy in manufacturing the highest quality modular classrooms that provide children with the most durable, energy-efficient and safe learning environment on the market place today. We applaud the Alberta Government's commitment to LEED compliance and on-going sustainability."

Recent studies show that children in green schools are healthier and more productive because of improved air quality, lower levels of chemical emissions and a generous provision of natural day lighting. The benefits of cleaner indoor air quality, a key emphasis on schools, have been linked to lower asthma rates, fewer allergies and reduced absenteeism.

Another recent study conducted by a group of representatives including teachers, architects, the American Lung Association and United States Green Building Council found that green schools cost "less than 2 percent more than conventional schools" but "provide financial benefits that are 20 times as large." The study also documented economic, health and learning advantages to be gained through building green schools, as well as environmental benefits such as a 30 percent reduction in energy, a 30-50 percent water conservation rate and 40 percent less carbon dioxide emissions.

Modus easily met all the government's 25 point-based criteria, and even has the potential to go beyond the 25 points required and increase its ratings by an additional 12 points. Highlights of the new Modus LEED Silver Modular Classrooms include:

- An energy smart roof that reduces energy loss
- Occupancy light sensors for when people enter or exit a room
- No poisons, toxins, CFCs or Halons used in building materials
- Carbon dioxide sensors that automatically adjust to provide more fresh air for constant, exceptional indoor air quality
- Tightly sealed building envelope for increased energy efficiency
- Moisture free building materials that eliminate the potential for mold and pests
- Low-flow plumbing fixtures for reduced water consumption
- Self-extinguishing building materials in the event of fire
- 76% material waste diversion from land-fills
- 80% recycled steel
- Increased window sizes to maximize natural light

The newly awarded contract represents Modus' fifth consecutive classroom contract from the Alberta Government.

Over four years ago, Modus helped the Alberta Government develop the super -specifications for a prototype of its modular classrooms, setting a new standard across the province. To date, the Alberta Government has purchased more than 500 modular classrooms for Alberta students.

Modus soared to first place in Alberta Venture Magazine's Fast Growth 50 in 2009, based on a three-year revenue increase of 825% and three-year asset increase of 505%. In 2008, the company also secured a place in PROFIT Magazine's 9th annual HOT 50 for the second straight year, posting the second highest revenues in the list of emerging growth companies across the country in 2007.

Parties interested in Modus' full line of high-performance modular structures for schools, telecommunications, mining, and oil and gas may visit our website at [www.modusinc.ca](http://www.modusinc.ca) for more information or call toll free 1-866-567-0311.

#### **About Modus**

Modus is a leading provider of "high-performance" modular structures for demanding environments. Deployed in hundreds of locations across Canada, Modus modular structures have been relied on by schools, telecommunications, and oil and gas industries, to meet their needs in even the most rigorous conditions. Modus' commitment to innovation produces versatile solutions which prioritize occupant health and safety, and efficient use of valuable resources. Clients already benefiting from Modus modular buildings include Government of Alberta, University of Calgary, Bell Mobility, Suncor Energy and the Department of National Defense.

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