Components of the LEED Rating System for Commercial Interiors

**Sustainable Sites**
- Choosing a building site and managing site development in an environmentally sustainable manner
- Promoting water conservation and effective stormwater management

**Water Efficiency**
- Buildings are major users of our precious water supply. The goal of the Water Efficiency credit is to reduce water use through innovative systems and technologies.

**Energy & Atmosphere**
- The Energy & Atmosphere category encourages a wide variety of energy strategies: using clean sources of energy, generated on-site or off-site; and other innovative strategies.

**Materials & Resources**
- This credit category encourages the selection of materials and resources that are resulting in over a 35% reduction in emissions from building operations.

**Indoor Environmental Quality**
- Over 95% of construction waste, furniture, and fixtures on this floor were purchased with Greenguard certified as low- or zero-emitting products. Great care was taken to ensure the furniture is good for both the environment and the health of all employees and occupants.

**Innovation & Design Process**
- The Innovation in Design credit category provides bonus points for projects that use strategies aimed at achieving high performance in key areas, and that make sustainable design a part of the organization’s culture and mission.

**Education and Training**
- Educational content on environmental sustainability throughout the 24th floor provides independent, third party verification that a building’s design, construction, and operation were achieved through high performance in key areas of human and environmental health: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality.

**Highmark**
Highmark has achieved Gold Level Certification, an impressive recognition for the 24th floor of downtown Pittsburgh, Highmark has reduced its environmental impact from transportation, while ensuring employee health and safety. The downtown location of Fifth Avenue Place allows visitors and staff to walk in close proximity. By choosing to locate in the heart of downtown, Highmark has reduced its environmental impact from transportation, while ensuring employee health and safety.