



45,000 employees



Green Star Rating

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## CASE STUDY

# AUSTRALIAN FINANCIAL INSTITUTION GOES GREEN FAST WITH THE HELP OF ANIXTER

## Creating a Sustainable and Productive Work Environment

One of the largest banks in Australia wanted to consolidate multiple offices into one central, modern and environmentally sustainable site in Brisbane. With a comprehensive range of services including retail, business and institutional banking, funds management and investment, the bank has more than 45,000 employees with over \$20 billion in profit per year. The new facility was designed to promote collaboration and efficiency among employees, as well as maximize energy and water efficiency. The bank targeted a 6-Star Green Star rating from the Green Building Council of Australia.

## The Latest Financial Technologies

The financial industry landscape is rapidly changing—mobile technologies, digital banking and remote access are helping to create an interconnected ecosystem of offline and online banking that works around customers' needs. To meet these demands, the bank installed a Category 6A infrastructure to provide the bandwidth and reliability its employees and customers expect. Like many technology-sensitive installations, providing consistency in deployment, technology and performance was essential.

## Starting with Sustainability

The contractor hired to install the networking infrastructure had a dilemma: deploying the advanced technology quickly and consistently while also minimizing waste to help the bank meet its Green Star rating goal. Part of the sustainability requirements was to minimize waste on the job site and divert qualified materials to recycling facilities. The contractor needed a solution that could do both.

## Solutions That Speed Deployment and Cut Waste

Anixter created a solution that met the contractor's need for a fast deployment with minimal waste. Instead of delivering to the job site individually, Anixter consolidated the materials in a local distribution facility, removed the original packaging, preassembled the materials and then shipped them to the job site under one part number.

The process started by working with the contractor on designing a wall-mounted panel system to incorporate patching and cable management into one solution. Anixter's technical experts worked with the contractor to create several versions of the panel depending on the location and need within the building. Based on the specifications, each panel would arrive on the job site preassembled and ready to install with the right hardware.

## SUMMARY

### Customer

Large Australian financial institution

### Challenge

Consolidating environmentally sustainable multi-tenant building site

### Solution

Product enhancement and packaging, sourcing

### Results

- Saved on-site costs by removing original packaging to be sent to recycling center
- Helped bank achieve environmental objectives
- Reduced ordering and delivery times for customer with single part-number consolidation

A streamlined process helped to control costs while ensuring heightened visibility throughout the project.



### Removing, Recycling and Streamlining

With a coordinated delivery schedule from the contractor, Anixter's supply chain experts started to preassemble the panel systems for delivery. This included removing the original packaging and sending it to recycling centers, which helped to save on-site costs for the contractor, as well as boost the bank's environmental objectives. By assigning each panel kit a single part number, the contractor only had to place a single line item order instead of ordering each material individually, which cut down on ordering and delivery times.

### Fast Results, Little Waste

The results for the bank and contractor were obvious: less waste on the job site, consolidated deliveries that sped deployment and advanced inventory management that provided technology consistency. A streamlined process helped to control costs while ensuring heightened visibility throughout the project.

As the bank continues to expand its operations and provide enhanced customer service, technology will continue to play a central role, and that technology will increasingly depend on the performance of the infrastructure it sits on. By creating a panel system that can easily be deployed and installed at the bank's other sites, it now has a solution available to use at its other global locations.

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