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AmeriLux News

AmeriLux International is a value-adding distributor of multiwall and corrugated polycarbonate sheet products, PVC sheet and liner panels, and steel coil.

Featured Project:

Ozanam Inn | New Sheltered Day Space

"Polycarbonate Panels create Translucent Canopy"

Located in the Louisiana city of New Orleans, the Ozanam Inn has been providing an emergency night shelter and services for the homeless and under-served for over sixty years. Last fall, the outside gathering area at the Ozanam Inn was transformed into a more functional and visually appealing day space. This was all made possible by a generous anonymous donor's gift and the collaborative efforts of the Tulane School of Architecture's community design center.

The Ozanam Inn's new day space features a wonderful outdoor canopy and a large wooden decking area with plenty of seating. The canopy is built of steel and pressure-treated wood. The 'folded' roof surface was designed with several ridges and valleys. Preferring a transparent white or frosted roofing material, LEXAN™ THERMOCLEAR™ 15 Softlite twin wall polycarbonate panels were used to cover the structure.



LEXAN™ THERMOCLEAR™ 15 was an excellent choice for this canopy project. These high-performance panels are extremely durable and can withstand a lot of punishment from nature's elements. Softlite polycarbonate provides 100% light diffusion. The panels diffuse the natural light coming through, creating a comfortable outdoor space for the clients of the Ozanam Inn.



The ribbon cutting ceremony for Ozanam Inn's new sheltered day space was held earlier this month. "It was a great celebration of a long semester's work. We're still doing some touch up here and there, but the shelter is being put to good use every day!" said Sara Allen Harper, M. Arch 2017 | Tulane University School of Architecture.

[Tulane City Center brings together creative makers and does working for a better city by advancing community-driven ideas through collaboration, design education and scrappy problem-solving.](#)

[Ozanam Inn offers aid and comfort to the poor and needy in its community by providing basic human needs such as: food, shelter and clothing.](#)

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Meet the A-Team:

Jim Romenesko | Driver for AmeriLux Transportation

A Sprinkler Fitter for twenty-one years, Jim Romenesko decided to retire after his third knee surgery. During those years as Sprinkler Fitter, he also worked as a part-time truck driver and milked cows for a local dairy farm. Previous to his time spent in the fire sprinkler fitter trade, Jim was a full time truck driver.



With years of experience behind the wheel of trucks, Jim joined AmeriLux Transportation as a part time driver nearly two years ago. "My role is to safely get products from point-to-point as efficiently as possible in a courteous manner," Jim responded. "I like this job because it is physically easier on the body. I also like to drive, always did!"

Fun Fact: Jim played football for the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Started as a Freshman and Sophomore. After three concussions and a back surgery, he decided to stop playing.

In case you were wondering: A Sprinkler Fitter is a very demanding trade and is responsible for installing all types of fire-protecting systems that save lives and property.

To continually provide value-added services and improve on-time delivery with key customers, AmeriLux International formed AmeriLux Transportation, a full-service freight transport company, in June 2012.

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In the News:

Companies Compete for a Good Cause

PAi and AmeriLux International joined forces last month in a friendly competition to help stock the shelves at Paul's Pantry, a nonprofit organization located in Green Bay, WI. The two neighboring businesses competed to see which company could collect the highest number of food items per employee.



While everyone wins when it comes to giving back to the community, a PAi-AmeriLux wager was

agreed upon. The winning company would have bragging rights for the year and receive an awesome award. To sweeten the deal, the owner of each business agreed to wear the winning company's shirt for a day.

Despite leading for a while, PAi pulled ahead of AmeriLux during the last few days of the challenge. Together, the two companies collected over 7,500 non-perishable food donations. "We were proud to be part of supporting a great cause in the context of a win-win-win," said Kurt Voss, CEO of AmeriLux. He added with a smile, "I'll wear the PAi clothing with pride ... wait 'til next year!"

Paul's Pantry receives no federal, state or local tax revenue, nor does it receive any monies from the Hunger Network, Feeding America or United Way. It relies entirely on the community, a three way partnership made up of [volunteers](#), [food suppliers](#), and [donors](#).

Featured Product



LEXAN™ THERMOCLEAR™ Softlite Polycarbonate

LEXAN™ THERMOCLEAR™ Softlite is a 100% light diffusing panel utilizing advanced polymer technology to scatter light while maintaining a high level of light transmission.

Natural light is scattered in many directions and helps to eliminate hot spots, glare and shadows.

The diffusion feature is excellent for greenhouse applications. Light reaches both top and bottom leaves. The result is uniform growth and more usable energy to the plant.

According to several studies, natural diffused light increases occupant productivity and

Ask the Tech Expert



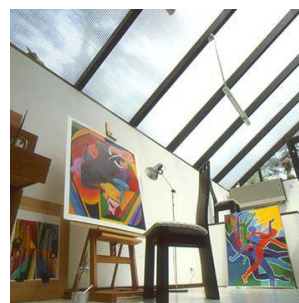
Q: What is daylighting?

A: Daylighting is the admission of natural light into an interior space through the use of windows, skylights, or other openings. Glass, polycarbonate, and acrylic are examples of glazing materials used in daylighting applications.

The common goal of daylighting is to reduce the use of artificial light during the day by providing effective internal lighting with natural light. Daylighting not only saves energy, but studies show it also produces positive results in moods and performance.

As building codes become even stricter, designing with daylighting in mind is one building strategy that can achieve both energy and cost

DIY Tip of the Month



"Basic Daylighting Techniques"

The best way to increase the natural light within your home depends on your climate and the home's design.

There are many basic daylighting techniques available. More windows are an obvious solution but could be pricey. Adding clerestory windows allows natural light into a space without compromising privacy. In hallways or other enclosed small spaces, installing a skylight is good option.

Other daylighting techniques include: Installing a "light shelf" to bounce light off the ceiling, increasing illumination. Painting rooms in a light-

creates a more comfortable, safe environment for both people and animals.

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colored paint to enhance the reflection of natural light within your home.

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