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**Integrated Communication Systems** has installed green audio, video and teleconferencing systems for the David and Lucile Packard Foundation to reduce the building's energy load and cut its carbon footprint.

On track to become one of California's greenest office buildings, the Packard Foundation's new headquarters in downtown Los Altos has received LEED Platinum Certification. It is designed as a NetZero Energy facility. The building is a physical manifestation of the foundation's long-term commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions around the world.

"We have blended the AV systems with building integration as the (Packard) Foundation strives to be more energy efficient," said Aaron Colton, CEO of San Jose-based ICS.

ICS worked with Redwood Electric Group to install video conferencing systems in six of the building's nine conference rooms, with audio conferencing installed in the other three. The video conferencing systems were part of the foundation's commitment to reduce travel and commuting.

ICS also installed energy-saving AV systems, including a control system integrated with multiple disciplines to maximize the building's usability and minimize its energy use. The control system program was structured to efficiently manage devices that consume electrical power. The control systems automatically turn off AV systems and lighting when they are not in use. Automated lights are integrated with window shade controls.