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The Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library Awarded Prestigious LEED® Green Building Certification

September 19, 2011, (Dudley, Mass.) – The Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library announced today that it has been awarded LEED® Silver certification established by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and verified by the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI). LEED is the nation's preeminent program for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings.

“We are honored to attain the prestigious LEED Silver certification for the new Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library,” said Anne Marie Safaee, co-chair of the Crawford Library Building Committee (LBC), “and pleased that our goal of a ‘green library’ could be recognized through the stringent criteria established by the USGBC.” She continued, “the LBC diligently sought every means possible to contain operational costs over the long term, especially utility costs.”

The Crawford Library achieved LEED certification for energy use, lighting, water and material use as well as incorporating a variety of other sustainable strategies. By using less energy and water, LEED certified building saves money for families, businesses and taxpayers; reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and contribute to a healthier environment for residents, workers and the larger community.

“With each new LEED-certified building, we get one step closer to USGBC’s vision of a sustainable built environment within a generation,” said Rick Fedrizzi, President, CEO & Founding Chair, U.S. Green Building Council. “As the newest member of the LEED family of green buildings, the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library is an important addition to the growing strength of the green building movement.”

LEED certification of the Crawford Library was based on a number of green design and construction features that positively impact the project itself and the broader community. Some of these features include:



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- Water efficient landscaping and water use reduction
- Storm water management control system
- Use of low emission paints/sealants, carpeting, composite wood and Agrifiber
- Heating, ventilation, air conditioning (HVAC) system that meets the required standards of Thermal Comfort – Design
- On-site renewable energy through photovoltaic panels

“Our architect, Johnson-Roberts, project manager, Strategic Building Solutions, general contractor, Forish Construction, and consulting engineers, Garcia, Galuska and Desousa, all had a hand in helping the Library Building Committee attain the goal of constructing an energy efficient building,” said Patricia Korch, Crawford Library Trustee, Chair. “The achievement of LEED Silver certification is the acknowledgement that the decisions made in the planning stages, and along the way, were the right ones. We’re very grateful to everyone involved.”

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U.S. Green Building Council

The Washington, D.C.-based U.S. Green Building Council is committed to a prosperous and sustainable future for our nation through cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings.

With a community comprising 78 local affiliates, nearly 16,000 member companies and organizations, and nearly 167,000 LEED Professional Credential holders, USGBC is the driving force of an industry that is projected to contribute \$554 billion to the U.S. gross domestic product from 2009-2013. USGBC leads an unlikely diverse constituency of builders and environmentalists, corporations and nonprofit organizations, elected officials and concerned citizens, and teachers and students.

Buildings in the United States are responsible for 39% of CO2 emissions, 40% of energy consumption, 13% water consumption and 15% of GDP per year, making green building a source of significant economic and environmental opportunity. Greater building efficiency can meet 85% of future U.S. demand for energy, and a national commitment to green building has the potential to generate 2.5 million American jobs.



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The U.S. Green Building Council's LEED green building certification system is the foremost program for the design, construction and operation of green buildings. Nearly 40,000 projects are currently participating in the commercial and institutional LEED rating systems, comprising nearly 8 billion square feet of construction space in all 50 states and 120 countries. In addition, more than 11,000 homes have been certified under the LEED for Homes rating system, with more than 52,000 more homes registered.

By using less energy, LEED-certified buildings save money for families, businesses and taxpayers; reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and contribute to a healthier environment for residents, workers and the larger community.

For more information, visit www.usgbc.org.