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TRAVEL GUARD HEADQUARTERS EARNS LEED® SILVER CERTIFICATION



MILWAUKEE – Travel Guard’s new corporate headquarters was recently awarded LEED® Silver Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. Eppstein Uhen Architects (EUA) served as the design architect and LEED administrator for the 125,000-square-foot building located in Stevens Point, WI.

The four-story office building includes two multi-level mission-critical command centers, training areas, a cafeteria, a printing and mail distribution center and substantial systems infrastructure required to maintain their 24/7 global operations.

Designed to be able to double in size, Travel Guard’s new headquarters carefully integrates a comprehensive set of design strategies to maximize operational flexibility, enhance employee satisfaction, and reduce churn and life cycle costs, while significantly minimizing the building’s environmental impact.

As LEED administrator, EUA worked with Told Development and Travel Guard to incorporate sustainable elements into the planning, design, construction and operation of Travel Guard’s headquarters:

- Bio-filters reduce the quantity of storm water run-off and reduce water pollution.
- Water-efficient plumbing fixtures are anticipated to reduce water use by 40% and save more than 700,000 gallons per year.
- More than 20% of the materials (by cost) were manufactured locally (within a 500 mile radius).
- Approximately 20% of the building materials (by cost) contain recycled content.
- More than 90% of the construction waste was recycled.
- A white roof maximizes energy savings and minimizes heat island effects.
- The building’s envelope and systems maximize energy performance. Savings in utility costs are predicted save over \$40,000 a year.

Ring & Duchateau, GRAEF, Key Engineering and Ellis Stone Construction Company also assisted in the LEED certification process. The LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System® is a voluntary, consensus-based national standard for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings. Certification is recognized nationwide as proof that a building is environmentally responsible, profitable and a healthy place to live and work.

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