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Skanska and NBBJ Achieve LEED® Gold for Workspaces at Alley24
Sustainability Focus Nets Gold for Architect and Contractor Team

SEATTLE (Oct. 2, 2007) – Skanska USA Building Inc. and global design firm

NBBJ announced today receipt of LEED® Gold certification for their newly completed Commercial Interiors (CI) housed inside the commercial space of Alley24—a new sustainable mixed-use development built and designed by the contractor and architect duo.

In addition to constructing Alley24, Skanska built-out its own 25,000-square-foot single-floor office within the mixed-use complex as well as NBBJ's, 70,000-square-foot space that occupies the first three floors. NBBJ was the project architect, interior designer, lighting designer and environmental graphic designer of its own office space, Skanska's and Alley24. The certification process was accelerated by Alley24 co-owner and developer, Vulcan Real Estate, and co-owner PEMCO Insurance, who required the building core and shell to be certified LEED Silver, which was accomplished earlier this year.

“All three awards demonstrate how well different corporations can come together to fulfil corporate sustainability initiatives,” said Brent Rogers, a principal with NBBJ and lead architect for Alley24. “At Skanska we always encouraged our clients to take the extra step and build sustainable projects,” added Skanska’s Tony Stewart, Vice President. “The collaboration between teams led to a high-level of accountability and in the end, we exceeded our sustainability goals.”

The offices share many of the same core sustainable elements such as motorized sunscreens that track the sun’s rays, low energy fixtures, eco-friendly finishes and recycled and/or locally sourced materials. One of the most innovative energy saving solutions utilized in both spaces is the hybrid HVAC system that includes both operable windows and an underfloor heating and cooling system. In addition, each floor has operable windows with the ability for fan-assisted natural ventilation that could conceivably eliminate the need for air conditioning altogether.

The LEED® certification process for Alley24’s LEED® Silver Core and Shell (CS) as well as both NBBJ and Skanska’s Commercial Interiors (CI) certification was conducted by Seattle-based Egis Certified, a LEED® certification consulting firm

“We were thrilled to aid in the documentation and LEED® certification process for the entire Alley24 building as well as NBBJ and Skanska’s interiors build-outs,” noted Carmen Britz, the LEED consultant on all three projects.

In addition to being ranked by *Engineering News-Record* as the number one green builder, Skanska is the largest contractor to join the Seattle Climate partnership, in which NBBJ has also recently joined. As part of their commitment, Skanska’s

Seattle office is also in the process of documenting their carbon footprint and subsequent reduction strategies.

About Skanska

Skanska USA Building Inc. is a leading national and local provider of construction, pre-construction consulting, general contracting and design-build services to a broad range of U.S. industries including life sciences, healthcare, education, high-tech, aviation, transportation and sports and entertainment. Skanska USA Building also provides pharmaceutical validation services to clients. The company, part of the Skanska AB global group of companies, is headquartered in Parsippany, New Jersey, and has approximately 3,800 employees.

Skanska is one of the world's leading construction groups with expertise in construction, development of commercial and residential projects and public-private partnerships. The Group currently has 56,000 employees in selected home markets in Europe, in the U.S. and Latin America. Headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden and listed on the Stockholm Stock Exchange, Skanska's sales in 2006 totaled \$17 billion.

About NBBJ

Whether achieving LEED Gold certification, or further innovating sustainable solutions, leading design firm NBBJ is dedicated to the pursuit of a more livable and healthier world. The firm is helping draft guidelines for LEED for Neighborhood Development and LEED for Healthcare Construction pilot programs. The staff is active in local and national programs with the AIA and USGBC, serving as the primary sponsor of the AIA's Blueprint for America initiative. Nearly 20 percent of NBBJ is LEED accredited and the firm's projects have been recognized for outstanding achievement in environmental design from organizations like ASHRAE and ULI. Three of NBBJ's five domestic offices are LEED Silver or above.

About Egis Certified

Egis Certified was developed to combine efficiencies and integrate the building commissioning and LEED certification processes into one. Egis Certified is a division of Egis Real Estate Services, LLC, a full-service property management and facilities engineering firm based in Seattle. For more information, visit www.egiscertified.com or call 206-404-6700.

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