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Skanska USA Building Inc. Constructs Nation's First LEED® Gold-Certified Hospital

Oregon's Providence Newberg Medical Center Sets the "Gold Standard" for Green Healthcare Construction

Skanska USA Building Inc. announces that it has built the nation's first LEED gold certified hospital in the U.S. As a leader in both healthcare construction and sustainable building practices, Skanska is considered to be one of the most green-focused contractors in the country, especially in the healthcare arena, and the recent completion of the Providence Newberg Medical Center in Newberg, Ore., has taken that reputation to new levels.

"It's an honor to be a part of a team that has created history in the field of sustainable healthcare construction," said Tony Church, Skanska's senior project manager for the Providence Newberg hospital. "We hope this pioneering effort will demonstrate the economic and environmental value that can be gained by embracing cutting edge, eco-sensitive construction techniques within the healthcare industry."

"Studies show that green hospitals help people heal faster," said Rick Fedrizzi, President, Chief Executive Officer and Founding Chair, U.S. Green Building Council. "As the first LEED Gold hospital, both Skanska and Providence Newberg Medical Center are proving their commitment not only to the health of their patients, but also to the well-being of their staff, their community, and the environment."

LEED-certified buildings also help to generate significant savings in the area of natural-resource conservation as well as provide numerous financial incentives for building owners. For instance, the "build green" effort for the \$70 million Providence project will have repaid its initial investment in 14 months. And, in just over a year, the new healthcare facility will save nearly 26 percent in annual energy costs.

Skanska provided additional value to the hospital owner through specific construction-related techniques that included:

- Diverting more than 75 percent of post-construction waste generated during the project-building process.
- More than 10 percent of the project's construction utilized building materials with recycled contents.

- All construction materials were purchased within 500 miles of the work site as part of Skanska's selective process for material procurement.
- Skanska developed and put in place Indoor Air Quality Plans during construction and pre-occupancy of the building.
- The project team received an Innovation Credit for Skanska's ISO 14001 certification; an internationally recognized certification standard for companies concerned about and committed to environmental performance.

Additional highlights of this state-of-the-art green medical facility include:

- 100 percent outdoor air fills the building through a unique ventilation system, creating a dramatically healthier indoor air quality for patients, visitors and employees.
- 100 percent of all electrical needs met by purchasing green power (50 percent wind, 25 percent geothermal, 25 percent low impact hydro). PNMC is the only hospital in the nation to purchase 100 percent green power.
- Participation in the Dispatchable Standby Generation program through Portland General Electric (PGE), which allows PNMC to sell power produced by the medical facility's two 750 kilowatt emergency generators to PGE in times of peak demand for the utility. The energy produced by the generators can power up to 3,000 homes.
- Occupancy sensors, daylight controls and centralized lighting control systems turn off lights when spaces are unoccupied.
- All public spaces and waiting areas include use of natural light through design and feature views of nearby hillsides and natural scenery.

The U.S. Green Building Rating System is a voluntary national standard for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings. Skanska USA Building believes in providing the highest level of sustainable construction service for all of its projects.

Obtaining this certification was the direct result of a collaborative approach between Skanska USA Building, Providence Health System, Green Building Services, Mahlum Architects, Glumac International, Degenkolb Engineers, Larry Anderson Engineering, Inc., Engineering Economics Inc. and Mayer/Reed.

About Skanska USA Building Inc.

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Skanska is one of the world's leading construction groups with expertise in construction, development of commercial and residential projects and public-private partnerships. Skanska is committed to finding innovative solutions by cooperating closely with customers and combining the company's international expertise with local presence. The Group currently has 54,000 employees in selected home markets in Europe, in the U.S. and Latin America. Sales in 2005 totaled \$17 billion.

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