

Press Release

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Skanska Delivers LEED Gold Certified Bend Park and Recreation Building

BEND, Ore. – This month Skanska will complete the much anticipated new Bend Park and Recreation District office. Located in the 20-acre Riverbend Park, this highly sustainable facility is designed to be a hub of the Old Mill District by connecting the park with the Deschutes River Trail, Farewell Bend Park and the Shops at the Old Mill. The facility offers a centralized location for residents of Bend to conduct business with the district and enjoy ample community space and outdoor plazas.

“We are extremely proud of how this project turned out,” said John Williamson, project manager for Skanska. “Not only will the Bend Park and Recreation District receive a phenomenally sustainable new building, but the local community will have a place to gather that fits in with Bend’s culture and lifestyle.”

The 22,000-square-foot facility was originally planned to meet Leadership in Energy Efficient Design (LEED®) silver-level standards, but thanks to Skanska and Opsis Architecture’s long and successful track record of designing and constructing energy- and cost-efficient buildings along with the diligent efforts of the entire project team, the Bend Park and Recreation District will instead apply for LEED Gold certification.

Major sustainable elements of the building include a “green roof,” in-slab radiant heat, high-efficiency windows, structural insulated panel roof system, low-water-use toilets and faucets, onsite storm water management system and rapidly renewable products such as bamboo. In addition, the new facility was built with a solar panel hot water system, which translates to long-term energy savings. Two-thirds of the building will contain staff work spaces while the remaining third will be dedicated space for the community.

“Local Skanska crews understood the community’s needs and were able to deliver an extremely energy-efficient and sustainable final product,” said Pat Erwert, Bend Park and Recreation District construction manager. “We are extraordinarily pleased with the quality of the work and the timeliness of completion. We look forward to taking advantage of all of the sustainable elements this facility offers.”

The project took only one year from the point of breaking ground to final delivery. Bend Park and Recreation plans to open the facility to the public on July 13, 2009.

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