

Press Release

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Good as Gold: Skanska's Orlando Office Earns First-ever LEED® Commercial Interiors Gold Certification in City of Orlando

ORLANDO, Fla. – Skanska USA Building Inc. announced today that its office space at 111 N. Magnolia Avenue, Suite 1150 has earned LEED® Gold Certification for Commercial Interiors from the United States Green Building Council (USGBC).

LEED for Commercial Interiors is the recognized standard for certifying high-performance green interiors that are healthy, productive places to work, are less costly to operate and maintain and have a reduced environmental carbon footprint.

Skanska had many challenges in obtaining this certification, but the project team was up to the task.

“We’re excited to be the first office within the Orlando city limits to obtain an USGBC LEED Gold certification for commercial interiors,” said Randy Bernard, Skanska’s Senior Vice President for Orlando. “As much as we encourage environmentally sustainable practices for our clients and on our jobsites, we always practice what we preach and take similar steps in our own offices. We walk the talk.”

Skanska’s 15,000+-square-foot space is an open floor plan with workspaces for 40 to 45 employees, four conference rooms, an exercise area, changing rooms and showers. By design, the space benefits from significant natural lighting and GREENGUARD-certified products are in place in the office, including the furniture system and painted surfaces. Additionally, the office includes certified millwork, DIRT partition walls, motion-activated fluorescent lighting systems and low-emitting carpet, paint, glue and laminates.

The main environmental goal of Skanska’s new office space is to reduce its carbon footprint through electrical efficiency, water conservation and HVAC efficiency. Using Energy Star equipment, lighting controls and sensors, and high efficiency HVAC systems, the office achieves a 26 percent reduction in energy consumption when compared to standard office areas. Another important aspect of the office space is the building’s access to alternative modes of transportation - including public transit.

Certification enhances Skanska’s reputation as a leader in green construction in the Orlando area. Named Business of the Year by the

Central Florida chapter of the USGBC, Skanska is allocating \$15 million annually for the next two years to focus on global sustainability in the construction industry. Additionally, Skanska – working with JCB Construction – recently completed Orlando Utilities Commission (OUC) Reliable Plaza, which has been certified as LEED Good for New Construction. That project was recently honored by the NAIOP, the Commercial Real Estate Development Association's Central Florida Chapter as the 2008 Outstanding Owner/User Building.

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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. 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 2008 totaled \$22 billion.