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**Skanska Atlanta Office Space Earns LEED® Gold Certification  
for Commercial Interiors**

*New green space reflects company's worldwide leadership in sustainable construction*

**ATLANTA, September 2, 2008** – Skanska USA Building Inc. announced today that its office space at 55 Allen Plaza in downtown Atlanta has earned a LEED Gold Certification for Commercial Interiors from the U.S. 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 footprint.

Skanska built out 41,000 square feet of office space at 55 Allen Plaza in downtown Atlanta, where it moved in 2007.

The main environmental goal of Skanska's new office space is to reduce its carbon dioxide footprint by electrical efficiency, water conservation and HVAC efficiency. Using Energy Star equipment, lighting controls, sensors and lighting, the office achieves a 26 percent reduction in energy consumption when compared to standard equipment.

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Waterless restroom urinals account for a 30 percent reduction in water use, while the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system is 17 percent more efficient than regular units.

Skanska's office in Atlanta was designed so natural light flows through glass walls. Office lights are turned off automatically when the outdoor light is efficient enough for working. The company also selected and installed materials with low volatile organic compounds (VOCs) that reduce unhealthy emissions from paint and carpet.

Another important aspect of the new office space is its prime location, which has easy access to MARTA, Atlanta's rapid transit system. Skanska provides free, monthly passes to further encourage the use of public transportation.

"We are extremely pleased to achieve the LEED gold certification in our Atlanta office," said John Reyhan, Area General Manager of Skanska USA Building's Georgia region. "A tremendous amount of teamwork and creative thinking went into making our office at Allen Plaza as environmentally responsible as possible. The best reward of all is our associates value their healthy work environment. This appreciation leads to better results for our clients, which is our daily focus and commitment."

In 2007, Skanska was ranked by *Engineering News-Record* as the number one green builder in the country. The company is allocating \$15 million annually for the next three years to focus on global sustainability in the construction industry.

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 4,700 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 60,000 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 2007 totaled \$20 billion.

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