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As Green as It Gets

St. Paul Police Station is First LEED Certified Public Building in the Capitol City

Boasts 48% More Energy Efficiency than Traditional Commercial Architecture

The St. Paul Western District Police Station opens its new facility today as the first LEED certified public building in St. Paul. The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System™ encourages and accelerates global adoption of sustainable green building and is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance “green” buildings.

On Friday, October 17, 2008, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m, the Police Department and partners Xcel Energy, Flannery Construction and the Weidt Group will be hosting a media open house at the St. Paul Western District Police Office (389 N. Hamline Ave St. Paul, MN 55101). During the open house, tours will be given of the facility and experts will be on hand to answer question.

Over a dozen energy efficient measures are employed in the facility including:

High Efficiency Lighting and Occupancy Sensors
High Efficiency Heating and Cooling
Storm water management: 100% of storm water contained onsite.
Water efficient landscaping and shade trees
Recycled Content: 13% of products used in this building were recycled
Low-Emitting Materials: cleaning supplies, paint, glues, caulk

LEED is a third-party certification program that gives building owners and operators the tools they need to have an immediate and measurable impact on their buildings’ performance. LEED promotes a whole-building approach to sustainability by recognizing performance in five key areas of human and environmental health: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality.

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