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StopWaste.Org LEED NC v2.2 Platinum Green Building Renovation Project Officially Certified – First in California KEMA Managed Successful LEED Documentation

BURLINGTON, MASS. (February 19, 2008) – StopWaste.Org’s new Oakland, California headquarters has received the LEED NC v2.2 Platinum rating for its renovation project. This is the first NC 2.2 Platinum project in California. Certified in December 2007, global energy consulting firm KEMA managed the project’s LEED documentation and green building process, guiding the project through to receipt of this highest green building rating honor.

The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System™ provides a benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings. To achieve LEED Certification, a completed project must meet the LEED sustainable design and performance criteria. Platinum is the highest award.

Located at 1537 Webster Street, in Oakland, California, the 1926-era building is one of a handful of Platinum buildings in California and the first LEED-NC v.2.2 Platinum renovation project in California. Alameda County Waste Management Authority and the Alameda County Source Reduction and Recycling Board purchased the 14,000 square foot, two-storey building to serve as the new headquarters for its StopWaste.Org organization, which supports and promotes waste reduction, resource conservation and green building programs in Alameda County.

Andrea Traber, director of KEMA’s Green Building practice, managed the LEED documentation process. As the LEED consultant, KEMA guided decision making on credits to pursue, provided technical information and recommendations, performed many of the supporting calculations, and managed the LEED process with the owner and design team, and the US Green Building Council (USGBC). “This project is significant not only in it’s achieving this rating, but also in the leadership and strong commitment of StopWaste.Org in pursuing and meeting this goal, and in the extraordinary ability of the design team to work together to achieve high performance results. It’s a testament to the integrated design process on a difficult project type. And it’s a beautiful, comfortable and healthy place to work.”

The building achieved top marks in sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection, indoor environmental quality, and innovation in design. As a result of the green building renovation, the facility now uses 40 percent less energy and 48 percent less potable water than a building of the same function, climate, and size designed to conform to California’s stringent energy code.

Details on the 1537 Webster Street project are available at www.stopwaste.org/docs/1532webster.pdf. Additional information about LEED certification and the USGBC is available at www.usgbc.org. Additional information about KEMA green building services is available at www.kemagreen.com.

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