



DATCP First State Building to Achieve LEED-EB Certification

MADISON - The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) building has achieved Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Existing Buildings (LEED-EB) Silver Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. The DATCP building, owned and operated by the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA), is the first state office building to receive this certification.

“Finding ways to making efficient use of energy is one of the most cost-effective approaches to taking on the challenge of climate change,” DATCP Secretary Rod Nilsestuen said. “I want to thank Governor Doyle and the many state employees whose commitment and hard work is resulting in buildings that not only conserve energy, but also taxpayers’ money.”

DOA and DATCP collaborated over the past year to implement aggressive green building policies and improvements to achieve greater energy efficiency, maximize use of renewable resources and improve operation and maintenance to minimize environmental impact. This joint effort will be a model for energy conservation efforts in other state office buildings.



“This achievement marks another step towards Governor Doyle's goal to save energy and exemplifies the state's commitment to green building standards and energy conservation,” DOA Secretary Michael Morgan said. “I would like to thank the employees who have been working toward this accomplishment, going above and beyond their normal duties. Both departments are to be commended for their excellent collaboration and hard work.”

To achieve LEED-EB Silver Certification, the following actions were taken:

- Purchased additional renewable energy from Madison Gas & Electric, which provides wind energy from four winds farms in Wisconsin and Iowa as well as solar power from local installations. Clean energy will now supply 35 percent of the total energy needs of the DATCP building.
- Installed water conserving plumbing fixtures, resulting in a 15 percent water savings over the LEED-EB baseline.
- Achieved an Energy Star rating of 82 points out of a possible 100, making DATCP eligible to be an Energy Star labeled building, a national symbol for protecting the environment through superior energy conservation.
- Implemented a green cleaning policy mandating the use of 100 percent green cleaning products in the building and on the grounds.



A plaque unveiling and recognition event celebrating the green building was held on Thursday, April 22, 2010 at the DATCP building in Madison. DOA State Facilities Administrator, David Helbach, presented certificates of achievement to key team members and assisted DATCP Secretary Nilsestuen unveil the plaque hung in the lobby of the DATCP building. Students from Glendale Elementary School in Madison also participated in the event and did planting on the DATCP grounds in celebration of Earth Day.



Secretary Nilsestuen and State Facilities Administrator David Helbach unveil plaque.

Shown left to right: Heather Gionta (DATCP), Sue Buroker (DATCP), David Helbach (DOA), Tim Castillo (DOA), Kara Edmonson (Leonardo Academy), Paula Veltum (DOA), Amber Seffrood (Leonardo Academy), Ron Lazarescu (DOA), Cheryl Rezabek (DOA) Rod Nilsestuen (DATCP), Rick Hartig (DOA)