(Madison, WI, March 28, 2012) – The State Natural Resources Building (GEF 2), located at 101 South Webster Street, in Madison, Wisconsin, has earned LEED-EB Gold Certification. The building is owned and managed by the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) Division of State Facilities.

This certification recognizes that GEF 2 has implemented continuous sustainability
improvement measures guided by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Existing Buildings: Operations and Maintenance (LEED®-EB: O&M) v2009, a rating system developed by the U.S. Green Building Council. Leonardo Academy was the LEED consultant supporting the successful achievement of Gold Certification.

LEED-EB Gold Certification is a prestigious rating given to existing buildings for maximizing operational efficiency and minimizing environmental impacts. GEF 2 implemented many green actions to achieve Gold Certification, including:

- Implemented water efficiency measures that are expected to reduce water consumption by 938,771 gallons annually.
- Diverted 100% of the electronic equipment solid waste and furniture waste from the landfill as part of a comprehensive recycling program.
- Achieved an Energy Star Score of 94 out of a possible 100 points, making the building eligible for the ENERGY STAR label.
- Documented annual emissions reduction of 1,764.5 tons of CO2 equivalents through Leonardo Academy’s Cleaner & Greener® Program. This is the equivalent to the CO2 emissions from the electricity use of 200 homes for one year.
- Implemented a Green Cleaning Policy and achieved a 78% compliant green cleaning product purchasing rate.
- Documented a 44% reduction in conventional commuting trips.
- Recycled 86% of the daily ongoing waste stream.

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