



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **DPW Building Receives LEED Certification**

*~Recognized by U.S. Green Building Council~*

**RICHMOND, Va** – The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) has granted LEED Certification to DPW's Commerce Road Building 1 at 1654 Commerce Road.

The building has been designated silver certification under the LEED 2009 New Construction and Major Renovations rating system. It was one of four buildings approved as a Capital Improvement Project. The construction was part of the Parker Field Redevelopment Project, in which all buildings and employees at Parker Field were relocated.

Seven categories comprise the overall USGBC rating criteria: sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, indoor environmental quality, innovation and design, regional priority credits. Of the available 108 points, 52 were attempted and 53 were awarded. Silver certification is granted at 50 points.

Commerce Road Building 1 was recognized in several areas, including: water efficient landscaping, indoor air quality plan during construction and before occupancy, control of system lighting and thermal comfort, bicycle storage and changing room.

According to the Council, LEED certification "Identifies your building as a showcase example of sustainability and demonstrates your leadership in transforming the building industry."

The Council is now encouraging the city to share the work with the growing green community. Making the project public would put the Commerce Road building in the Council's LEED project directory. Such projects are also eligible for additional marketing and promotional campaigns.

The Commerce Road Building 1 houses the administrative offices for the department's Operations Division.

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