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Weston Solutions' headquarters earns LEED Gold certification

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Weston Solutions, Inc. celebrated the dedication of its new regional headquarters at 45 Constitution Ave., in the Horseshoe Pond Redevelopment corridor. The facility is the first LEED Gold certified professional office building, demonstrating Weston's commitment to sustainable green building and redevelopment practices.

Honored guests included Mayor James Bouley, city of Concord, New Hampshire and representatives from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and U.S. EPA Region 1.

Mayor Bouley said, "I'd like to thank Weston Solutions for returning to Concord and building this impressive facility. They've eliminated a blighted structure, and ultimately constructed a beautiful, environmentally-sensitive office building. They are already making a difference."

Developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program provides a nationally accepted set of standards for environmentally sustainable buildings. Weston's building was designed and constructed with an integrated approach to permit using highly efficient, durable, and regionally available technologies and systems without incurring significant cost. The building systems are automated to allow regular adjustments and long-term performance monitoring.

According to Patrick McCann, Weston president and chief executive officer, "Weston is committed to restoring impaired properties or brownfield sites into productive assets. Our Concord building is an impressive project that blends innovative green development strategies with sustainable solutions. By joining with the city of Concord, our project team partners, and the community, we revitalized an impaired property in a collaborative manner and provided educational outreach for stakeholders."

Tours of the building highlighted sustainable and educational features, including a touchscreen display and user interface that monitors the building's mechanical systems and energy consumption. Guides discussed Weston's integrated approach to low impact development; the lifecycle value of the geothermal heating and cooling system; protocols for green deconstruction and salvage; and the many benefits of the GreenGrid vegetated roof system.

Weston thanked the project stakeholders for their contributions and made donations in their honor for replanting trees in Plumas National Forest.

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