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## **The Federal Center, managed by CBRE-NE, earns EPA's 2012 Energy Star certification**

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The Federal Center, owned by 380 Westminster Street, LLC for Urban America, LP and managed by CB Richard Ellis - N.E. Partners, LP, (CBRE-NE) a CBRE joint venture, has once again earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Energy Star certification, which signifies that the building performs in the top 25% of similar facilities nationwide for energy efficiency and meets strict energy efficiency performance levels set by the EPA. commercial buildings that earn EPA's Energy Star certification use an average of 35% less energy than typical buildings and also release 35% less carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

380 Westminster St. accepted EPA's 2012 Energy Star certification in recognition of CBRE-NE's energy efficiency efforts, which demonstrates the firm's commitment to environmental stewardship while also lowering energy costs.

A building that scores a 75 or higher on EPA's 1-100 scale may be eligible for Energy Star certification. There are currently only two office buildings in the State of Rhode Island to hold the 2012 Energy Star label.

The Federal Center continued to improve its energy performance by managing energy strategically and making cost-effective improvements to its building. As a result, the property's Energy Star score improved over 2011 from a score of 83 to 89.

"This achievement is a testament to all the agencies that collaborate with us in working towards our collective energy consumption goals by evaluating their own energy use within their premises and turning off any unnecessary lighting and/or equipment and evaluating these needs daily," said Mark Tassinari, executive vice president/partner of asset services at CBRE-NE.

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