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Preotle, Lane & Assoc.'s development of RiversEdge receives LEED

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Preotle, Lane & Assoc. developer of RiversEdge, said that the first office building in the project has received recognition as a Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design Core & Shell (LEED-CS) from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC).

RiversEdge is an inner suburban, master planned development in Medford, Malden and Everett. Phase I of the 30 acre mixed use development, when completed, will consist of 220 rental housing units, three office buildings with an aggregate of 410,000 s/f and a 10-acre riverfront park.

The initial building will approximate 115,000 s/f on four levels sited to maximize river and park views with non-river exposures opening to a 2-acre landscaped plaza. A two-sided lobby will bring the outdoor landscape materials inside.

Other features of the building, designed by the architectural firm Gensler, include efficient floor plates and core layouts with virtually column-free space as well as 7 ft. of continuous high performance vision glass for increased day lighting.

"This project is about the transformation of a former brownfield site into a truly green environment," said Douglas Gensler, principal/managing director of Gensler. "We are pleased that the initial office building has received LEED pre-certification at the gold level by the USGBC and that it is currently on track to be the first LEED-CS gold project in the greater Boston area."

Upon completion in 2009 and pending final documentation and review, the office buildings at RiversEdge would be in position to be among the first LEED certified office buildings in Greater Boston.

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