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## **Cummings Props. receives Gold Level LEED for TradeCenter 128**

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According to Cummings Properties one of the newest office complexes, TradeCenter 128, has received a Gold Level LEED pre-certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC).

LEED Certification (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) provides independent, third-party verification that a building project meets the highest green building and performance measures. All certified projects receive a LEED plaque, which is the nationally recognized symbol demonstrating that a building is an environmentally responsible and healthy place to work or live.

TradeCenter 128 is a new, seven story, 400,000 s/f, first-class office building, bordering Rte. 128/95. The building is adjacent to the new 139,000 s/f Middlesex County Superior Court, which is scheduled to open in March.

In addition to meeting the criteria for LEED certification, including site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality, TradeCenter 128 has dozens of features including: efficient HVAC and lighting systems, high-performance glass, water-saving fixtures, rainwater storage, and building recycling programs.

According to design manager James Trudeau, TradeCenter 128 received further LEED recognition for features that are of particular benefit to the local community. These benefits include a site design that reduced environmental impact, public transportation directly to the site, preferred parking for low emission vehicles and onsite recycling programs.

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