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ADD Inc's 311 Summer St. offices earns LEED Platinum Commercial Interior

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Nationally recognized architecture and design firm ADD Inc said that its headquarters at 311 Summer St. has received Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum Commercial Interior Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). ADD Inc's offices are the first architecture and design studio space in Massachusetts to receive Platinum certification.

Located in the Fort Point Channel District, ADD Inc's renovation and rehabilitation of 311 Summer St. was informed by the desire to preserve the identity of this building while incorporating sustainable design practices. The original structure, centered among commercial warehouses dating back to the early 1900s, was restored to full occupancy to create 66,000 s/f of office and retail space.

In addition to selective material re-use and use of locally-produced and low or no VOC materials, ADD Inc incorporated a variety of design systems to minimize environmental impact, including energy and CO2 reductions through the creation of multiple zones to utilize daylight and heat gain; water conservation through dual-flush toilets and high efficiency faucets; construction waste recycling; operable windows for ventilation; green operations and a range of daylighting strategies. *

"Our commitment to sustainable design is an extension of our core beliefs and the way we live and work," said Frederick Kramer, president of ADD Inc. "We are delighted to have had the opportunity to be part of the revitalization of the Fort Point Channel historic landmark district and to produce a green workplace in the process."

311 Summer St. joins ADD Inc's roster of recently completed LEED certified projects. 40 Sylvan Rd., designed for Davis Marcus Partners, was recently certified as the first LEED Core and Shell Platinum project in Mass. Other recently certified projects include 1560 Trapelo Rd. (LEED Core and Shell Gold) and 100 Hancock St. (LEED Core and Shell Silver).

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