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**DOE Announces “Double Gold” LEED Energy Efficiency Awards for Legacy  
Management Business Center in Morgantown, West Virginia**

Morgantown, W.V. -U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu announced today that the Department of Energy’s Legacy Management Business Center (LMBC), located in the West Virginia University Research Park in Morgantown, has been awarded a second Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification by the United States Green Building Council, making it the first “double gold” building in West Virginia. The first Gold certification was awarded on July 13, 2010, to recognize the sustainable design and construction. The latest gold award recognizes the building’s Commercial Interiors (CI).

“Energy efficient buildings hold vast potential to reduce our energy use and lower energy bills for America’s families and businesses,” said Secretary Chu. “By demonstrating the benefits of energy efficiency in our facilities, the federal government can lead the nation toward more sustainable building practices, while reducing the federal carbon footprint and saving money for taxpayers.”

The primary mission of the Office of Legacy Management is to fulfill the Department’s post-closure responsibilities and ensure the future protection of human health and the environment. The LMBC operations contribute to the success of this mission by preserving, protecting and storing legacy records for the Department’s closed sites.

The LMBC was originally planned to obtain LEED Silver certification. However, to demonstrate commitment to the principles established in President Obama’s Executive Order 13514, Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance, the Department of Energy decided to improve the design to meet the higher standard of LEED Gold. A commemoration plaque marking the award was received on August 9, 2010 and is now mounted in the LMBC.

To attain this goal, the Business Center was constructed using recycled-content materials, Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)-certified wood, low-emitting materials, and regional materials whenever possible. The integrated project team that worked on this effort included the landowner, developer, architect, LEED consultant, construction contractor; representatives from the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) and the Department of Energy. All stakeholder organizations were given an opportunity to provide input early in the design process.

The health of the public and the environment, sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, and indoor environmental quality guided the design process and continue to guide facility operations.

If you have any questions please contact John V. Montgomery, Legacy Management Business Center Site Manager at 304-413-0816.

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