



Margulies Perruzzi Architects Office Awarded LEED® Silver Certification

Architecture Firm Demonstrates Commitment to Sustainable Design



BOSTON, Mass. – July 22, 2009 – Margulies Perruzzi Architects, one of Boston’s most innovative architectural and interior design firms, today announced that the firm’s office has been awarded LEED® Silver certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). LEED is USGBC’s leading rating system for designing and constructing the world’s greenest, most energy efficient, and high performing buildings.

In August 2008, Margulies Perruzzi Architects relocated its offices to the fourth floor of the newly renovated LEED Gold certified Boston Children’s Museum Building at 308 Congress Street in the Fort Point Channel neighborhood. LEED certification was based on a number of green design and construction choices that would positively impact the project itself and the working environment. Some of these decisions included diverting 80% of construction and demolition debris from landfills, reuse of 70% of existing furniture, selection of materials and furniture with recycled and recyclable content, adjustable lighting controls and energy-efficient indirect lighting, low-emitting materials to reduce the quantity of indoor air contaminants, and wood harvested in an environmentally responsible manner. Margulies Perruzzi Architects also purchased materials made within a 500-mile radius, which supports the regional economy and reduces transportation costs and environmental impacts associated with delivery.

“When our firm was searching for new office space, we thought hard about sustainable design in choosing location, selecting materials, and reusing furniture and equipment, and were able to do so without significant additional cost to the project,” said Marc Margulies, AIA, LEED AP, principal at Margulies Perruzzi Architects. “Above all, we wanted to be able to enjoy being in our new office space. The views across the water to the city, the abundance of natural light, and the roof deck outside our conference room give us a truly delightful environment in which to work.”

Located in an historic building dating back to 1888, the new space merges the old mill building's brick-and-beam construction with the crisp clean lines of a modern interior featuring glass, stainless steel and bold colors. The single-floor layout allows for greater collaboration among the firm's talented designers than its previous three-story office space. The 13,000 square foot space features a conference center, informal meeting areas, and a roof deck overlooking the Boston skyline.

A member of the U.S. Green Building Council, Margulies Perruzzi Architects is currently working on the 175-185 Wyman Street office complex project in Waltham, Mass., which is seeking LEED Gold certification. Margulies Perruzzi Architects also designed two LEED certified member services facilities for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts: one located in Quincy, Mass., which is LEED Certified; and the other, located in Hingham, Mass., is the region's largest LEED Silver certified project.

About the U.S. Green Building Council

The U.S. Green Building Council is a nonprofit membership organization whose vision is a sustainable built environment within a generation. Its membership includes corporations, builders, universities, government agencies, and other nonprofit organizations. Since UGSBC's founding in 1993, the Council has grown to more than 17,000 member companies and organizations, a comprehensive family of LEED® green building rating systems, an expansive educational offering, the industry's popular Greenbuild International Conference and Expo (www.greenbuildexpo.org), and a network of 78 local chapters, affiliates, and organizing groups. For more information, visit www.usgbc.org.

About LEED®

The LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System™ is a feature-oriented rating system that awards buildings points for satisfying specified green building criteria. The six major environmental categories of review include: Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Energy and Atmosphere, Materials and Resources, Indoor Environmental Quality and Innovation and Design. Certified, Silver, Gold, and Platinum levels of LEED green building certification are awarded based on the total number of points earned within each LEED category. LEED can be applied to all building types including new construction, commercial interiors, core & shell developments, existing buildings, homes, neighborhood developments, schools and retail facilities. Incentives for LEED are available at the state and local level and LEED has also been adopted nationwide by federal agencies, state and local governments, and interested private companies. For more information, visit www.usgbc.org/LEED.

About Margulies Perruzzi Architects

Now in its 20th year of operation, Margulies Perruzzi Architects is a Boston design firm providing architecture and interior design services to the corporate, professional services, healthcare, research and development, and real estate communities. Consistently ranked as one of Boston's top architectural and interior design firms, the firm's clients include Manulife/John Hancock, Nuvera Fuel Cells, Covidien, Partners Healthcare, Massachusetts General Hospital, Hobbs Brook Management and Forrester Research. For more information, please visit www.mp-architects.com.

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