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Bartle Hall Grand Ballroom Recognized for LEED Silver Certification

KANSAS CITY, MO., January 2, 2009 — The City of Kansas City, Mo., will be presented with a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certificate Monday, Jan. 5 at 10:00 a.m for the Bartle Hall Grand Ballroom renovation sustainable project.

Serving as construction advisor for the Ballroom project, McCownGordon Construction and its joint venture partner helped the project obtain LEED Silver by incorporating numerous sustainable features into the building. Eco-friendly features include skylights, large glass window-walls with overhangs, sunscreens and operable interior shades to maximize natural daylight. The 46,000 square-foot ballroom was constructed with sustainable building materials, including more than 20 percent recycled content. Seventy-five percent of construction waste was recycled on the project and eliminated waste in our local landfills. The building utilizes 30 percent less water.

LEED Certification criteria is established in several credits including categories such as sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, indoor environmental quality and innovation and design. Certification is decided upon and achieved by an objective third party.

The ceremony will take place in the lobby of the Grand Ballroom's main entrance at 15th and Wyandotte Streets. The chairman of the Kansas City U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) Chapter will be presenting, as well as City Manager Wayne A. Cauthen, Councilman Russ Johnson, Councilman Ed Ford and Councilwoman Jan Marcason. The media is invited to attend the ceremony.

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