



Whitewater, WI, July 24, 2013 — Leonardo Academy announces the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design – New Construction (LEED-NC) certification of Laurentide Hall at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

This project was a total renovation of an existing, five-story academic building into new consolidated offices for the Letters and Science faculty. The project completed LEED-NC certification on June 13, 2013 with 46 points awarded.

Leonardo Academy was the LEED consultant and its involvement in the project spanned more than two years from a pre-design charrette to the certification at the end of the comprehensive commissioning process. The designer, Strang, Inc. and the prime contractor, J.P. Cullen & Sons, Inc., were critical partners in the success of this LEED-NC project.

The project followed the State of Wisconsin's sustainability guidelines and campus's desire to seek the LEED-NC Certified level of performance. The project is distinguished for having achieved an energy performance estimated to be 24 percent lower than the ASHRAE 90.1 code baseline. The project diverted 83 percent of the building's construction waste stream through waste reduction and recycling programs and salvaged over 86 percent of the pre-existing structural frame and shell. The materials were selected for their high recycled content and local sourcing. The occupants' health will benefit from the use of low-VOC materials and furnishings throughout the building as well as a green cleaning program initiated for this building that is being implemented campus wide.

About Leonardo Academy

Mission Statement

Leonardo Academy is a charitable 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing sustainability by leveraging innovative tools and information to motivate the competitive market. By utilizing an interdisciplinary approach to sustainability strategies, education and implementation, we strive to make sustainability practical for everyone.

We develop integrative sustainability solutions designed to enhance the environmental stewardship, social responsibility and economic prosperity of organizations, corporations and individuals. We see a world filled with sustainable opportunities that can transform the way we live today and ensure the prosperity of future generations.

Programs and Services

Leonardo Academy works on a broad range of sustainability issues and provides comprehensive sustainability programs and services to help companies, organizations, families and individuals implement sustainability. Our programs and services include: organizational sustainability assessments and implementation; emissions footprints, reduction strategies and offsets; event emissions footprints, sustainability assessments and implementation; sustainable event certification through our Cleaner and Greener® Program; LEED® assessments, implementation and certification application preparation; sustainable land management; sustainability training; and sustainability standards development.

Join Our Work

Individuals, organizations and companies are invited to join in Leonardo Academy's work on advancing sustainability. One important way to join in our work is by making a charitable donation to support these efforts. Online donations can be made at: www.leonardoacademy.org

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