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DINOLFO, KRESS ANNOUNCE MCC DOWNTOWN CAMPUS TO RECEIVE LEED GOLD CERTIFICATION

Sustainability Features Earn the Project LEED's Second Highest Rating

Monroe County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** and Monroe Community College (MCC) President **Anne Kress** today announced that the new MCC Downtown Campus has received LEED Gold Certification. This certification, awarded by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC), is the organization's second-highest rating and recognizes outstanding commitment to sustainability in building planning, construction and management.

*"Monroe County has a long tradition of sustainable building practices and we are proud to honor that legacy with today's announcement," said **Dinolfo**. "Once again, Monroe County is being recognized by the USGBC for our commitment to sustainability and I'm proud that we earned the Agency's second highest rating for this transformative project. Thank you to MCC and our private sector partners who helped realize the potential of this facility."*

To receive the Gold rating, a project must earn sixty points from the USGBC and provide the relevant documentation. MCC's new Downtown Campus earned 64 points from a wide array of sustainability features, including the innovative green roof, the double-pane "wall of windows" along State Street and responsible construction material use. Eighty-percent of all construction waste was diverted from landfills and fifteen-percent of the materials purchased for the project were manufactured using recycled materials.

Furthermore, the project will be twenty three-percent more energy efficient than required by code, generating a projected annual savings of \$117,000 in energy costs. The MCC Downtown Campus is the latest in a long string of County projects built to meet LEED standards and represents a concerted effort on behalf of the County and MCC to build a sustainable campus.

[Dr. Kress Quote]

The total project cost is \$78 million, primarily shared by Monroe County (\$36 million) and the State University of New York (\$39 million). To meet LEED standards, an estimated \$680,000 was added to the overall cost, with a return on investment estimated at 7 years because of the aforementioned energy savings.

In addition to the many subcontractors, two contractors, the DiMarco Group and LaBella Associates, played a significant role in earning the Gold rating. Additional grant funding was also provided by the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA).

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