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Davenport, IA – If “Going Green” is the wave of the future, consider Russell Construction ahead of the curve. Russell Construction is proud to announce the accreditation of 20 LEED Professionals in the area of Building Design and Construction (LEED AP BD+C) by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC). Currently, 90% of Russell’s project management staff is LEED AP BD+C accredited. Russell Construction currently has the most LEED AP BD+C Accredited Professionals in the entire state of Iowa.

Developed by the USGBC, the Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) program provides building owners/operators a framework for identifying and implementing practical and measurable green building design, construction, operations and maintenance solutions into every project. LEED Accreditation serves to help companies and professionals improve the quality of construction and its impact on the environment. By passing an extensive LEED exam, individuals and their affiliated companies are able to demonstrate their knowledge and abilities in constructing an environmentally conscious project.

As an advocate of “Going Green”, Russell Construction and our LEED AP BD+C professionals are dedicated to protecting construction project resources and locations. Currently, Russell is finishing up the new \$13M First Army Headquarters, located on the Rock Island Arsenal (front lobby pictured left). In order to “Go Green” and have a minimal impact on the environment, an extensive waste management plan was implemented to reduce the amount of job-site waste generated.

This plan entailed the Russell project team to recycle an assortment of jobsite materials such as: carpet, metal, wood, glass, drywall, ceiling tile, paper, cardboard, concrete and other

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general waste materials. In total this project generated 1,123.237 tons of waste materials. However, 916.942 tons, or 81.63%, of construction waste was diverted from landfills for this project alone. First Army is scheduled to take possession of their new environmentally friendly facility in February 2011.

Russell's corporate office has also taken steps to "go green." All offices are equipped with occupancy sensors on all overhead lights and switches and an energy efficient HVAC unit. Internal recycling programs for office paper, bottles, pop cans, newspapers, computers, and unused job site materials, such as scrap wood or metal, are in place and enforced. In addition, digital imaging of project information into a main secure database has saved and estimated 15 cases per month of paper, which allows for additional storage space and lower office supply costs.

At Russell, we are dedicated to LEED-ing the "Going Green" movement. For more information on Russell Construction, visit their corporate website at www.russellco.com.

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