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Dallas Adds Another Green Building To Its Résumé ***Timberglen Branch Library to receive LEED Gold Certification***

Dallas – The Timberglen Branch Library, at the corner of Midway and Timberglen roads in Far North Dallas in council district 12, is the latest green building by the City of Dallas to receive an award. Timberglen incorporates the necessary green features to achieve the distinguished Gold Rating from the United States Green Building Council's (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Rating System.

"This is an exciting achievement for Dallas," said District 12 Councilmember Ron Natinsky. "We aren't simply constructing new facilities for our residents, we're making sure those facilities have as little impact on the environment as possible. Building green is not only the smart thing to do; it's the right thing to do."

The City of Dallas adopted a Green Building Program in 2003 which states that all new City-owned buildings over 10,000 square feet be built to at least LEED Silver standards. Since that time, the City has completed 12 green facilities and will complete another 13 green facilities by 2010. The certification of Timberglen will bring the total of Dallas' LEED certified buildings to 3 LEED Gold, 4 LEED Silver and 5 awaiting final certification. In addition, the City continues to upgrade its many existing buildings with various green features to increase operating efficiency and lessen environmental impacts.

LEED is an independent certification program and the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings. Projects earn points for satisfying specific green building criteria in six categories: Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Energy & Atmosphere, Materials & Resources, Indoor Environmental Quality and Innovation in Design. The more points a building earns, the higher the certification rating. There are four levels of certification: Certified, Silver, Gold, and Platinum.

"This is very exciting news and affirms the City of Dallas' commitment to energy efficiency and environmental stewardship," said Liz Fernandez, Assistant Director of Public Works and Transportation. "We're building a greener Dallas."

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The Timberglen Branch Library opened February 24, 2007. It includes features that use less electricity, gas and water and promote on-going environmental stewardship. The library uses several sustainable techniques such as collecting rainwater for landscape irrigation and harvesting natural light to reduce energy consumption.

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ABOUT TIMBERGLEN

Learn more about how Timberglen Branch Library has taken steps towards building a greener Dallas at Timberglen's green touchscreen located inside the library and at <http://timberglen.dallas.greentouchscreen.com/>.

ABOUT GREEN BUILDINGS

Learn more about the City's green buildings at http://www.greendallas.net/green_buildings.html

ABOUT GREEN DALLAS

The City of Dallas' Green Dallas initiative is aimed at environmental responsibility and encourages both public and private sector involvement. To find out more about how the City of Dallas is an environmental leader and what residents can do to 'build a greener Dallas,' visit the City's green Web site www.GreenDallas.net

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