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Miami Beach LEEDing by Example

– New City of Miami Beach Property Management Facility Achieves LEED Gold –

Miami Beach, FL: Just last month, the Miami Beach City Commission unanimously passed an ordinance that requires green building certification for new construction or payment into a sustainability and resiliency fund in lieu of certification. Miami Beach is leading this charge and has just received LEED Gold certification on their new property management facility located at 1833 Bay Road.

“We are very proud of this designation,” said Director Elizabeth Wheaton, Environment & Sustainability Department. “It shows that the city is not only requiring this of others, but that we are ready, willing, and able to walk-the-walk.”

LEED is a green building rating system developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). Projects pursuing LEED certification earn points across design and construction items that address sustainability issues. Based on the number of points achieved, a project then receives one of four LEED rating levels: Certified, Silver, Gold and Platinum.

This particular facility is a 23,420 gross square foot building that houses administrative offices, workshops, storage, locker rooms, and areas for small construction. The facility was designed and constructed to achieve LEED Silver. However, with an overall efficient design and performance that includes construction with high recycled and regional content materials, 35% reduction in water-use, 28% savings in energy, and an overall better air quality due to the use of low Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) paints, adhesives, coatings and flooring; and high quality air filters, the property management facility achieved LEED Gold.

“Throughout this process we worked diligently with the U.S. Green Building Council to ensure we were doing all that we could to achieve this certification,” said Director David Martinez, Capital Improvement Projects. “This partnership will be the norm as we move forward on all city projects.”

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