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Galloway Township, NJ- Throughout the design and construction stages of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey's Campus Center, the Office of Plant Management worked closely with KSS Architects to incorporate sustainable features from the inside out. The team was striving to be green and was rewarded with a gold award for its efforts.

The Campus Center has been awarded LEED® Gold certification established by the U.S. Green Building Council and verified by the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI). LEED, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is the nation's preeminent program for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings.

The Campus Center is the second project on campus to obtain a LEED certification. In 2007, the F

Buildings in the United States are responsible for 39 percent of carbon dioxide emissions, 40 percent of energy consumption, 13 percent water consumption and 15 percent of GDP per year, making green building a source of significant economic and environmental opportunity. Greater building efficiency can meet 85 percent of future U.S. demand for energy, and a national commitment to green building has the potential to generate 2.5 million American jobs.

“The Campus Center’s LEED Gold certification demonstrates tremendous green building leadership,” said Rick Fedrizzi, President, CEO & Founding Chair, U.S. Green Building Council. “The urgency of USGBC’s mission has challenged the industry to move faster and reach further than ever before, and Stockton serves as a prime example with just how much we can accomplish.”

The U.S. Green Building Council's LEED green building certification system is the foremost program for the design, construction and operation of green buildings. Over 100,000 projects are currently participating in the LEED rating systems, comprising over 8 billion square feet of construction space in all 50 states and 114 countries.

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