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Finergy Trade Center Awarded LEED Green Building Certification

SARASOTA, FL - (7/23/2009 -1:00PM EST): Finergy Development announced today that it has been awarded LEED Silver Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). LEED is the USGBC's leading rating system for designing and constructing the world's greenest, most energy efficient, and high performing buildings

The Finergy Trade Center is a 15,000-square-foot, four-story office building at 2170 Main Street in Sarasota. The building was designed by Finergy Development to achieve LEED certification for energy use, lighting, water and material use as well as incorporating a variety of other sustainable strategies. LEED verifies environmental performance, occupant health and financial return. LEED was established for market leaders to design and construct buildings that protect and save precious resources while also making good economic sense.

"Given the extraordinary importance of climate protection and the central role of the building industry in that effort, Finergy Development demonstrates their leadership through their LEED certification of the Finergy Trade Center."

-Rick Fedrizzi, President, CEO & Founding Chair, USGBC

LEED certification of silver was based on a number of green design and construction features that positively impact the project itself and the broader community. These features include:

Construction pollution prevention program, bike racks and changing rooms to promote alternate transportation, access to public transportation, reduction of urban heat island effect for site and roof through use of highly reflective materials, low flow water fixtures to reduce water usage, energy efficient lighting, certain refrigerants and HVAC&R equipment to minimize the emission of harmful compounds, purchase of green power, storage and collection of recyclables, use of regional materials, use of certified

wood, use of low emitting materials, increased daylight and views for the comfort of building occupants.

Finergy is currently selling the office space. For more information, contact Steve Pileggi at 941-376-0282 .

For more information of LEED features and the project, visit <http://finergyoffice.com/>

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About the U.S. Green Building Council

The U.S. Green Building Council is a nonprofit membership organization whose vision is a sustainable built environment within a generation. Its membership includes corporations, builders, universities, government agencies, and other nonprofit organizations. Since USGBC's founding in 1993, the Council has grown to more than 17,000 member companies and organizations, a comprehensive family of LEED green building rating systems, an expansive educational offering, the industry's popular Greenbuild International Conference and Expo (www.greenbuildexpo.org), and a network of 78 local chapters, affiliates, and organizing groups.

For more information, visit www.usgbc.org.

About LEED

The LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System is a feature-oriented rating system that awards buildings points for satisfying specified green building criteria. The six major environmental categories of review include: Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Energy and Atmosphere, Materials and Resources, Indoor Environmental Quality, and Innovation and Design. Certified, Silver, Gold and Platinum levels of LEED green building certification are awarded based on the total number of points earned within each LEED category. LEED can be applied to all building types

including new construction, commercial interiors, core & shell developments, existing buildings, homes, neighborhood developments, schools and retail facilities. LEED for Healthcare is currently under development and is expected to be released in early 2008.

Incentives for LEED are available at the state and local level and LEED has also been adopted nationwide by federal agencies, state and local governments, and interested private companies.

For more information, visit www.usgbc.org/LEED.