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American Transmission Co. headquarters is Waukesha County's first LEED® Gold building

Using a sensible approach during design, ATC minimizes impact on environment, maximizes efficiency, recycling

PEWAUKEE, Wis. – An environmentally conscientious footprint both inside and out, a commitment to home-grown building materials, and recycling from construction through occupancy are just some of the features that helped American Transmission Co.'s Pewaukee, Wis., headquarters receive LEED Gold® certification recently.

The corporate headquarters has become the first in Waukesha County to receive the prestigious LEED Gold designation, which was established by the U.S. Green Building Council and is verified by the Green Building Certification Institute.

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. ATC's 124,000-square-foot headquarters building, which the company began occupying in 2009, was designed and built to use nearly a third less energy and consume almost half the water of a typical building of its size.

"When planning the new headquarters in 2007, the goal was a building that would be in keeping with our company's commitment to the environment," said John Procario, ATC's chairman, president and CEO. "This LEED Gold certification represents the attainment of that goal, and we are honored to occupy the first building in Waukesha County to receive the LEED Gold certification."

In addition to ATC, the project's development team included building owner Interstate Partners and the project's construction and design partners Mortenson Construction and Zimmerman Architectural Studios, Inc.; as well as Ring & DuChateau; The Renschler Company; Cardno JF New; Total Mechanical, Inc.; Towne Zilber Property Group; U.S. Bank and Jenkins Survey & Design Inc.



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LEED Gold certification is based on a building and surrounding site meeting a number of prescriptive green design and construction features. Perhaps most notable of those features for ATC's headquarters is the home-grown nature of the materials and products that went into its construction -- 49 percent of which were manufactured or produced within 500 miles of the site.

"Having that much local material and product going into this project is one of the proudest achievements for the entire project team," said Kyle R. Knop, project architect with Zimmerman Architectural Studios. "It's an extraordinary number, especially when you think about how many local and regional businesses had a hand in this project."

Other features that helped ATC headquarters achieve LEED Gold Certification include:

- A lighting system that uses 20 percent less energy
- A system that recovers and uses excess heat from computer server rooms to precondition air for other portions of the building
- Automatic water faucets, low-flow restroom and waterless fixtures that aid in water-use reduction by 43.2 percent
- Segregated exhaust systems for copy and supply rooms that separate potentially harmful copy-room emissions from the rest of the building
- Recycling stations integrated into all conference rooms and break areas
- Preferred parking spaces reserved for low-emitting vehicles and carpools

The LEED Gold designation is the latest in a string of honors for ATC headquarters. In 2010, the building received the Milwaukee Business Journal's First Place Real Estate Award for Best New Development – Office, as well as the Wisconsin Commercial Real Estate Women's Impact Award, Judges' Choice. The property received a "Top Projects Award" from Wisconsin Builder Magazine in 2009.

For more information about ATC headquarters' environmentally friendly design and footprint, go to <http://www.atcllc.com>.

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ATC owns, operates, builds and maintains the high-voltage electric transmission system serving portions of Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and Illinois. Formed in 2001 as the nation's first multi-state transmission-only utility, ATC has invested \$2.5 billion to improve the adequacy and reliability of its infrastructure. ATC now is a \$2.9 billion company with 9,440 miles of transmission lines and 515 substations. The company is a member of the Midwest ISO regional transmission organization, and provides nondiscriminatory service to all customers, supporting effective competition in energy markets without favoring any market participant. For more information, visit our website at www.atcllc.com.