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Laurier's BRAC West building certified LEED® Silver

BRANTFORD – The Laurier Brantford Research and Academic Centre (BRAC) West building on Dalhousie Street has been awarded LEED® Silver certification by the Canada Green Building Council.

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) is a third-party certification program and an internationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings. The BRAC West building has been designed to consume 33 per cent less energy than a comparable industry standard building.

Sustainable features of the BRAC West building include: low-flow water fixtures, high-efficiency glass, no-irrigation vegetation, natural daylighting with super energy efficient light fixtures, bike storage, elimination of refrigerant coolant HCFCs, regional and recycled materials, reduced parking and hard surfaces, solar reflecting roof and construction waste diversion.

"We are very pleased to have achieved the silver certification level with Laurier's first LEED® building, and to have been awarded all 35 of the certification points that were targeted," said Gary Nower, associate vice-president: physical resources. "Certification requires a team effort from design through construction, and we would like to recognize the contributions of MMMC Architects and the design consultant team, as well as D. Grant Construction in achieving this milestone for Laurier."

The BRAC East Building LEED® certification application is currently under review, and the upcoming Global Innovation Exchange Building on Laurier's Waterloo campus will also be applying for certification at the completion of construction.

For more information on LEED® certification, please visit the Canada Green Building Council website at <http://www.cagbc.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Programs/LEED/default.htm>. For more information about the Laurier Brantford Research and Academic Centre, please visit http://www.wlu.ca/page.php?grp_id=12531&p=16695.