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Andrew G. Truxal Library Achieves LEED Gold Certification

Gaithersburg, Maryland - **HESS Construction** is pleased to announce that the Anne Arundel Community College Andrew G. Truxal Library has achieved LEED Gold certification from the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) and has been selected as one of the top 25 projects of the year by Green Building Magazine.

“We’re delighted that Andrew G. Truxal Library achieved LEED Gold certification,” said HESS Vice President, Jim Gladhill. “We were pleased to work with Ewing Cole Architects and Anne Arundel Community College to bring the first LEED certified project to the Arnold, Maryland campus. It’s especially rewarding that the project team was able to earn additional points to surpass the requirements for LEED Silver and earn LEED Gold. The ‘Gold’ designation demonstrates how environmentally responsible and resource efficient the new library really is.”

The \$20 million modernization was completed in August 2012 and included a 43,000 square-foot renovation and 32,000 square-foot expansion of the existing library into a state-of-the-art learning center. Features of the new library include a 900 square-foot study area, 134 seat technology learning center, 20 enclosed rooms for group and private study, two computer labs, a writing center, and a math laboratory.

Although originally designed to achieve LEED Silver, the project team successfully earned Gold certification for the following design and construction components:

- Reuse of a previously developed site
- Integration of the original building into the construction
- Materials, paints and finishes that emit lower volatile organic compounds (VOC)
- Recycled content of building materials and use of regional materials
- Natural lighting and occupancy sensor control light fixtures
- Indoor air quality management
- Water conserving plumbing fixtures
- Green roof
- Construction waste management
- Energy performance
- Enhanced building commissioning
- Water efficient landscaping

LEED certification is an internationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high-performance sustainable buildings. All aspects of the building are considered during certification with emphasis placed on sustainable site development, water efficiency, energy efficiency, materials selection, and indoor environmental quality.

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