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North Branch Headquarters Earns EPA's Energy Star for Office Buildings



(Concord, NH) North Branch Construction's Silver Level USGBC LEED Certified Corporate Headquarters in Concord, NH has earned the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) prestigious Energy Star for (commercial) Building and Plants. The Energy Star is the national symbol for protecting the environment through superior energy efficiency. The North Branch facility is only the 8th commercial office building in State to have earned the EPA's Energy Star. Buildings that earn the EPA's Energy Star use 35 percent less energy and generate 35 percent fewer greenhouse gas emissions than similar buildings across the nation. North Branch improved its energy performance by installing cost-effective, energy efficient systems and managing energy strategically across the entire organization.

Energy efficiency was a leading factor in the design of the building's HVAC and electrical systems, including sophisticated lighting control systems, which not only improve the company's energy bill, but also the occupants overall well-being. Numerous indoor air quality and occupant comfort measures were introduced, including increased ventilation, improved thermal control, abundance of daylight and views to the outdoors from most occupied spaces. North Branch also established an education program used to promote sustainability and energy efficiency ideas among the North Branch employees, clients and business partners.

EPA's ENERGY STAR energy performance scale helps organizations assess how efficiently their buildings use energy relative to similar buildings nationwide. A building that scores a 75 or higher on EPA's 1-100 scale is eligible for the ENERGY STAR. Commercial buildings that can earn the ENERGY STAR include offices, bank branches, financial centers, retail stores, courthouses, hospitals, hotels, K-12 schools, medical offices, supermarkets, dormitories, houses of worship, and warehouses.