2000 Tower Oaks Boulevard Awarded LEED(R) Platinum CS 2.0 Certification

Press Release

Rockville, Md., April 24 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- 2000 Tower Oaks Boulevard, co-developed by The Tower Companies (www.towercompanies.com) and Lerner Enterprises (www.lernerenterprises.com) has been officially certified LEED(R) Platinum Core and Shell 2.0 -- by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), making it the first and largest multi-tenant commercial office property to achieve this designation in the Washington, Maryland and Virginia area. The LEED(R) (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System(TM) is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operations of high performance green buildings.

The 200,000 square foot exquisite commercial office building was designed by Kishimoto.Gordon.Dalaya PC (KGD) (www.kgdarchitecture.com) and is the world's largest application of Fortune-Creating(sm) architecture, built on the Vedic principals of orientation, placement and proportion, to improve the occupant's health, enhance job performance and success. The building features 22,069 SF floorplates with 9'-3" ceilings and 6'-6" high continuous windows offering beautiful 360 degree panoramic views in all directions. The stunning daylight-filled lobby is finished with polished Tennessee Pink marble floors and Lacewood walls, accented with a luminous onyx freestanding sculpture wall and stainless steel planters. Tenant amenities include a state-of-the-art fitness room, including lockers, showers and yoga/Pilates room, luxurious bathrooms, and organic cafe. The partially underground 4-level parking structure, with dedicated parking for hybrid and low-emission vehicles, forms a pedestal, supporting sustainable landscaped terraces around the building, with serenity fountains and plaza in front of the building. Over 17,000 drought resistant native plantings of trees, ornamental grasses and flowering bulbs compliment the buildings' landscape in the park-like setting located within minutes of our Nation's Capital and a park-like setting located within minutes of our Nation's Capital and a park-like setting located within minutes of our Nation's Capital and a park-like setting located within minutes of our Nation's Capital and a park-like setting located within minutes of our Nation's Capital.

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