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Horizon Uptown Receives LEED Certification for Its Neighborhood Plan
LEED for Neighborhood Development rating system integrates principles of smart growth, urbanism and green building

DENVER, Colo. – August 31, 2009 – Lend Lease today announced that Horizon Uptown, a 503-acre development in the fast-growing northeast region, received LEED® Certification for its neighborhood plan under the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED for Neighborhood Development pilot certification program.

"Sustainability has underpinned our vision for Horizon Uptown from the beginning," said Horizon Uptown Project Director Krista Sprenger. "Today's recognition from the U.S. Green Building Council enables us to further deliver our vision to bring Colorado a community like no other, a community that sets the bar for future developments."

LEED for Neighborhood Development is a collaboration between the USGBC, the Congress for the New Urbanism and the Natural Resources Defense Council. The certification program is used as a tool to help planners and developers create communities that not only protect the environment, but also address important public health issues such as physical activity, traffic accidents, respiratory illnesses and affordable housing.

"LEED Certification provides independent, third-party verification that a development's location and design meet accepted high qualifications for environmentally responsible, sustainable development," said Rick Fedrizzi, President, CEO and Founding Chair, U.S. Green Building Council. "The LEED for Neighborhood Development program goes beyond individual green buildings and focuses on community-wide design and development. Today's announcement demonstrates Lend Lease's commitment to bring a new era of smarter and healthier community creation with its Horizon Uptown project."

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Horizon Uptown, one of eight LEED for Neighborhood Development projects in Colorado and 238 in the world, will combine residential, commercial and retail uses in an urban format that emphasizes community cohesion, lifelong learning and recreational opportunities. A wide variety of community, educational, economic and technological initiatives are being planned for the project. In addition, all homes and commercial buildings will meet green building and energy efficiency standards, and environmentally sensitive development techniques will be practiced across the community.

“The Lend Lease Horizon Uptown project helps position Aurora as a leader in energy efficient development,” said Wendy Mitchell, president and CEO of the Aurora Economic Development Council. “This caliber of development sets a standard not only for the region but for the entire state of Colorado.”

In addition to the LEED for Neighborhood Development Certification, Lend Lease is planning for LEED Platinum for New Construction for several of its buildings on the property, LEED Gold Core and Shell for all commercial buildings and LEED Silver Core and Shell for all retail buildings. All residential buildings will be Built Green High Performance.

Upon full build-out, Horizon Uptown will have up to 4 million square feet of office space, targeting the health care, aerospace, defense-related, professional/scientific/technical and administrative/support services. In addition to a commercial component, Horizon Uptown will have approximately 1.3 million square feet of retail space (neighborhood, large-format and lifestyle) and 3,800 residential units. Overall, the community is slated to be home to roughly 8,000 residents and provide employment for an estimated 11,000 workers in the growing northeast corridor.

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