

University of Maryland – University College

Student Services & Academic Operations Building, Largo, Maryland

Renovation of Corporate Building to LEED Gold



ADELPHI , MD (June 3, 2010)—UMUC announced today that its new Center of Academic Operations in Largo—which was completely retrofitted after the university purchased the property in 2008—has received Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). UMUC also made headlines in 2005 when a 100,000-square-foot addition to its Inn and Conference Center by Marriott was certified by LEED as the first "green" hotel and conference center in the United States.

"Our goal from day one was to achieve LEED Silver Certification for the Center of Academic Operations, so we were tremendously pleased and proud to earn LEED Gold Certification, exceeding our expectations", said UMUC President Susan C. Aldridge.

UMUC achieved LEED Gold Certification due in part to high scores in the categories of innovation, design process and water efficiency—categories in which the facility was awarded nine out of 10 possible points. In the process of granting Gold Certification, the USGBC evaluated the building's sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, indoor environmental quality, and its innovation and design process.

UMUC's Center of Academic Operations opened in the fall of 2009 at 1616 McCormick Drive in Largo, Maryland. The location features a 236,000-square-foot building situated on approximately 20 acres of land. The property boasts ample parking, convenient access to the Capitol Beltway and public transportation, and abundant meeting and classroom space to better accommodate staff, students and faculty.

Owner: University of Maryland – University College, www.umuc.edu

Architect: DNC Architects, www.dncarch.com

Engineer: META Engineering, www.meta-eng.com

Mechanical & Plumbing Description: Prime Contractor for renovation & conversion to high efficiency chilled water system. All new HVAC system installed by Madison Mechanical.

