Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) at UC Denver

The University of Colorado Denver is pursuing LEED certification for all new construction and major renovation projects on the Downtown and Anschutz Medical Campuses. The pursuit of LEED certification of buildings provides for buildings that more energy and water efficient and make better use of local and recycled materials – all while providing for superior environments in which to work and study. You can find out more about LEED, which was developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), on their website.

Current UC Denver LEED Projects:

Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences: The new facility will allow consolidation of the School of Pharmacy’s programs on the AMC, in a location ideally suited to serve students; support faculty scholarly activity and research; and enhance collaborative work with the other schools of the AMC and companies in the developing biotech park. It will allow the expansion of the faculty who provide pharmaceutical education, research and patient care and who prepare students for their roles as pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists. This facility is on track to be the first University of Colorado Denver LEED certified building with an anticipated Silver rating, possibly Gold.

Business School/1475 Lawrence Court: UC Denver Purchased a 1981 era office building at 1475 Lawrence Street that contains 153,117 gross square feet (GSF) which includes 104,179 GSF of programmable space and 100 underground parking spaces for consolidated UC Denver Business School. The current UC Denver Business School is currently spread over six physical locations, one of which collectively encompasses the many classrooms being used by the Business School on the Auraria Campus and CU Denver Building. This alignment makes it difficult for the school to create a strong, clear identity. A new building will greatly enhance the student experience, by providing a central point where students can learn and create in ways both formal and informal. The Business School building will also enhance the visibility of the school and encourage members of the business community and Business School alumni to come to the facility to mentor, teach, and recruit.

The 104,179sf building renovation project will convert office space into classroom, conference room, and efficient office space. The project will replace 30 year old mechanical, elevator, electrical, roofing, lighting, information technology systems with energy efficient modern systems to meet a LEED Gold rating. The utilization of space will be dramatically increased and the building will get a much needed ADA bathroom and related path of travel upgrades. The building will include critical life safety upgrades including new fire alarm and fire protection system and an elevator modernization. The Business School
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renovation at 1475 Lawrence St. in Downtown Denver is planning to seek LEED gold certification and has registered the project with USGBC. The Architect, RNL Design is recommending using Commercial Interiors since is the best approach with planned reuse of the existing building skin. The renovation will also conform to the State of Colorado High Performance Building Program

Health and Wellness Center: The Health and Wellness Center facility is planned as a 90,000 to 95,000 gsf building at the Anschutz Medical Campus with the goal of making metro Denver one of the country’s healthiest communities. The new University of Colorado Denver Health and Wellness Center at the Anschutz Medical Campus represents a leading edge model for lifelong wellness and preventative treatment.

This facility will provide the functional and programmatic elements to serve existing Center(s) for Human Nutrition, Integrative Medicine, and Women’s Health Research becoming a crucible for a synergistic relationship between these disciplines. Complimenting these disciplines will be outreach and educational space, a demonstration kitchen, a healthy foods café/bistro, a fitness center including a therapeutic pool, and a healthy foods grocery market. The facility will be a beacon for fitness serving the campus community and will serve the region as a “one stop shop” for fitness, health, research, and lifestyle management.

The proposed HWC facility will be a 3 to 4 story structure of 90,000 to 95,000 gross square feet (gsf). Facility highlights include:

- Fitness Center
- Therapeutic Pool
- Clinical Trials Center, including the Center for Integrative Medicine, Center for Human Nutrition, Center for Women’s Health Research
- Bistro and Research Test Kitchen
- Market and Demonstration Kitchen
- Conference and Meeting Rooms

The building will utilize the State of Colorado High Performance Building Program and seek a LEED Gold rating with the USGBC. The project is scheduled to open in the Spring of 2012 and expected to cost $35 Million.