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CAMP DODGE TO RECEIVE LEED[®] SILVER RATING FROM U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL FOR FREEDOM CENTER

The Iowa Army National Guard will be presented the LEED[®] Silver rating by the U.S. Green Building Council for its construction of the Camp Dodge Freedom Center, at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Freedom Center. The presentation will be featured as part of Camp Dodge's Alumni Day festivities

LEED certification is the highest honor bestowed by USGBC recognizing excellence in sustainability, energy efficiency, and environmental stewardship.

"Since 2006, a national requirement has been in place for major National Guard construction projects to meet the LEED Silver standard and this was our first project to be designed with that goal in mind," said Col. Scott Ayres, Director of Installation Management for the Iowa National Guard. "To have achieved this certification on our largest and most complex project to date, is a testament to Iowa's commitment to be at the forefront of sustainable construction."

The Camp Dodge Freedom Center comprises three buildings, spread across more than 25 acres and encompassing over 210,000 square feet. It was designed and constructed over a two-year period and completed in October 2008. The design and construction team – Neumann Brothers, Inc. was the general contractor and designer, assisted by the Baker Group (heating, ventilation and cooling) of Des Moines, Mercer Engineering (electrical) of Ames, and Civil Design Advantage (civil) of Grimes – included many innovations, such as solar reflective roofing materials, single-point air handling using multiple variable air volume units to provide customizable temperature control throughout the building, computerized building management, high efficiency roof drains, and bio-swale site water retention.

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Annette McCarthy, LEED professional for Neumann Brothers said, “Most people think of sustainable construction in terms of putting grass on the roof and collecting rain water for restroom plumbing, but achieving this difficult standard doesn’t have to be as much about what you construct as how you construct it. We recycled over 88 percent of all construction waste generated on site – that’s almost 1,200 tons of waste diverted from our local landfill. As a team, we looked for and used materials with recycled content and those produced within 500 miles of the project to reduce the impact of manufacturing on raw materials and trucking emissions.

“These are but a few examples of how the team coordinated every design and construction element with LEED requirements, to create three sustainable buildings of which all Iowan’s can be justifiably proud,” McCarthy said.

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