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MMPI Receives LEED Certification

Merchandise Mart Properties Inc. (MMPI) has been awarded the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED-EB) Silver certification for its property The Merchandise Mart Chicago, the world's largest commercial building encompassing 4.2 million square feet. LEED certification is the nationally accepted benchmark for design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings. Certification provides independent, third-party verification that a building meets the highest performance standards and is an environmentally responsible and healthy place to live and work. To earn such certification, a building must meet certain prerequisites and performance criterion within five key areas of environmental health: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality. Projects are awarded Certified, Silver, Gold, or Platinum certification depending on the number of credits achieved. Pleased with receiving the Silver certification, Christopher Kennedy, MMPI president, comments: "Our investors want long-term results. Our city demands corporate responsibility and the community wants environmental stewardship. The LEED program helped us find common ground and proved that growth and sustainability are great partners."

