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***Green Guide for Health Care™* Provides Statement re: LEED for Healthcare 2nd Public Comment Draft**

The *Green Guide for Health Care* is proud to be a foundational reference document for the development of LEED for Healthcare since 2004. The *Green Guide* supports the U.S. Green Building Council's continued development process in issuing the LEED for Healthcare 2nd Draft for Public Comment. The 30-day comment period opened Monday April 19, 2010 and closes Tuesday May 18, 2010 at 5:00pm ET. The *Green Guide* offers a premium sustainability toolkit to accelerate the greening of health care and shares the USGBC's vision of green healthcare design, construction, and operations.

One significant change in the LEED for Healthcare 2nd public comment draft is content alignment with LEED 2009. As a result of this alignment, there is significant new content in the LEED for Healthcare 2nd public comment draft that will benefit from robust health care industry public comment. Given the reach of the *Green Guide* we urge our registrant pool of over 25,000 registrants and more than 200 registered projects to participate in commenting on this recently issued 2nd public comment draft LEED for Healthcare by clicking on the following link: <http://www.usgbc.org/LEED/LEEDDrafts/RatingSystemVersions.aspx?CMSPageID=145>

Consistent with our commitment to catalyze best practices in health care design and construction, the *Green Guide* recognizes the recent establishment of the LEED Pilot Credit Library. Three credits from the LEED for Healthcare first public comment draft are in the Pilot Credit Library for credit testing and refinement: (i) Innovative Ventilation, (ii) PBT Source Reduction: Dioxin, and (iii) Medical and Process Equipment Efficiency. We urge project teams that have been tracking these credits as possible Innovation points to register for the LEED Pilot Credit Library process.

The release of LEED for Healthcare demonstrates the *Green Guide's* important role in developing the foundation for much of the innovative, unique content in this LEED for Healthcare draft. The *Green Guide for Health Care* will continue to be a source of leading-edge content development based upon the principle of "first, do no harm" and offer leadership in defining high-performance healing environments and developing the next generation of *Green Guide* tools. Watch for our new website launch at www.gghc.org.

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