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**Real Estate & Construction Review Announces  
Office Depot Green Store  
as a Green Building of America Award Winner**



Green Building of America Award

Southfield, MI — The *Real Estate & Construction Review's* editorial board is currently reviewing the nation's outstanding new "green" projects. The U.S. Green Building Council has identified the nation's top new LEED®-certified or registered projects for the editorial board. Owners, consultants, architects and general contractors have submitted many of the referred projects for Green Building of America Awards. Selected projects have been chosen, and will be published in the Southwest regional edition of *Real Estate & Construction Review's Success Stories-Green Edition* both in print and online at [www.constructionreviews.com](http://www.constructionreviews.com). The publication will also include feature articles provided by major consultants throughout the country, in-depth case studies of the best new green projects, as well as information about project team members, consultants, subcontractors and vendors that contributed to the projects' success.

Office Depot built the Company's first "Green" Store in Austin, Texas which is LEED Gold Certified by the US Green Building Council. The "green" store will reduce consumption of resources, energy, water and toxic chemicals. Office Depot has implemented: T5 Energy-Efficient Lighting throughout the store; High-efficiency heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) units and insulation; Sensors in break rooms, restrooms and managers' offices; Steel decking and steel joists in the store, are composed of 60%-100% recycled steel; Water-efficient fixtures to reduce the buildings overall water use by 30%; Polished concrete floors, made of 60% recycled material; Interior partitions that are composed of more than 95% recycled materials; 52 Active Skylights that adjust with the path of the sun, providing natural light for 75% of the store; and a highly-reflective membrane on the roof so that heat from the sun is not absorbed by the roof.

The *Real Estate & Construction Review's Success Stories-Green Editions* will honor the Southwest's most innovative, unique and challenging new "green" projects — projects that are particularly noteworthy and/or that give back to their respective communities. The publication is an essential link, bringing owners together with the consultant, design and construction industry nationwide by profiling new construction and renovation projects in a case-study format. Owners can read, in the words of other owners, consultants, architects and general contractors, about the newest green facilities joining the landscape in their respective region. More importantly, the *Real Estate & Construction Review* provides a tool to help owners learn from one another's experiences. Each regional edition will also contain listings, advertisements, corporate profiles and additional information about the project team members, subcontractors, vendors and suppliers that were referred as qualified and reliable by the company or firms that chose them for their most important projects.

Through its publications and online search engine, Construction Communications (publisher of the *Real Estate & Construction Review*) is building a network of the nation's most important, innovative and unique projects, owners, consultants, project team members, subcontractors and suppliers to help connect those responsible for building America's future.