

## \*\*\*Charter Square Achieves LEED Platinum Status\*\*\*



**Raleigh, NC. (June 14, 2016)** – The 11 story, Class A Charter Square building in downtown Raleigh has achieved LEED Platinum status, three days shy of its one year anniversary. This certification is issued by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and the Platinum status is the highest level in LEED rating. The LEED rating system, developed by USGBC, is the foremost program for buildings, homes and communities that are designed, constructed, maintained and operated for improved environmental and human health performance.

Charter Square was designed to meet LEED Platinum standards as well as being a healthy, modern workplace. Construction of the building included low emission paints, adhesives and wood products as well as job site recycling and use of recycled-content materials. Through the increased insulation, high efficiency glazing on windows, a high reflectivity roof and more efficient HVAC systems, over 30% of energy use savings is expected, as opposed to a typical office building of this size. Additionally, Charter Square's location in the heart of downtown Raleigh allows tenants alternate means of transportation through public transit as well as storage for those who prefer

bicycles. Underground parking includes preferred parking spaces for environmentally-friendly automobiles and those who share the commute with others. Potential health hazards were addressed as well, by incorporating a low mercury lighting program and implementing both a no-smoking and Green Cleaning policy.

USGBC determines LEED eligibility by awarding points in the following categories: Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Energy and Atmosphere, Materials and Resources, Indoor Environmental Quality and Innovation in Design. Charter Square scored high in Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency and Indoor Environmental Quality and a perfect score for Innovation in Design.

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