

ORO VALLEY MARKETPLACE

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VESTAR DEVELOPMENT CO. DELIVERS FIRST LEED® CERTIFIED RETAIL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN ARIZONA

ORO VALLEY, ARIZ. SEPT. 9, 2009 – For the first time in Arizona history, a major retail project is delivering green – and more than just greenbacks -- for the state.

Vestar Development Co.'s Oro Valley Marketplace has earned Silver Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) certification from the U.S. Green Building Council, marking the first retail project in the state to earn the designation, and one of the first in the Southwest.

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ATTEND.**

“Vestar is proud of its corporate commitment to creating projects that have a positive impact on the surrounding community,” said Vestar Executive Vice President David Larcher. “Oro Valley Marketplace is a wonderful example of our 20-year commitment to responsible development. And with advancements in green building materials and the availability for retail applications, we anticipate more environmental achievements within our projects.”

This national recognition is a marquee success of Vestar's GreenStar initiative, one of the largest and most aggressive environmental commitments from any of the United States' major retail developers. GreenStar was the Southwest's first large-scale commitment to sustainable shopping center building techniques, with the goal to achieve certification for the company's new development projects and one that has garnered national attention.

“With an owner committed to doing the right thing and a cooperative design and construction team, we were able to put together a green design, construction and operations plan that represents a model for future retail development in Arizona,” said Jerry Yudelson, Principal of Yudelson Associates. “This project exemplifies what you can do with land use, water efficiency, energy efficiency, materials choices, leasing guidelines and operating practices, to achieve green development goals.”

LEED is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high-performance green buildings granted by the US Green Building Council. LEED certification provides independent, third-party verification that a building project is

environmentally responsible, sustainable, and able to provide a healthy place to live and work.

“The strength of USGBC has always been the collective strength of our leaders in the building industry,” said Rick Fedrizzi, President, CEO & Founding Chair, U.S. Green Building Council. “Given the extraordinary importance of climate protection and the central role of the building industry in that effort, Vestar Development demonstrates their leadership through their LEED certification of Oro Valley Marketplace.”

In addition to the LEED certification, Oro Valley Marketplace is the largest environmental restoration project in Oro Valley history, and today, the riparian area is a mecca for hikers, bikers, horses, shoppers and of course, birds. It opened in October 2008.

“As exemplified by this project, the benefits from Oro Valley Marketplace extend far beyond the convenience and revenue brought to the town,” said Vestar Senior Project Manager David Malin. “We are delighted to serve as a statewide model for environmental sustainability.”

About Oro Valley Marketplace

A Vestar Development property, Oro Valley Marketplace opened in October 2008. One of the leading privately held real estate companies in the western United States, Vestar specializes in the development of open-air retail centers and the management of retail, office and industrial properties. Vestar builds and manages entertainment-retail complexes, power and “lifestyle” centers, and neighborhood centers of varying size and scale that serve as community shopping destinations with a unique sense of place. Since its inception in 1977, Vestar has earned a reputation for integrity and responsibility in the fields of commercial development and property management.

For more information, visit www.vestar.com and www.orovalleymarketplace.com.

About the U.S. Green Building Council

The U.S. Green Building Council is a nonprofit membership organization whose vision is a sustainable built environment within a generation. Its membership includes corporations, builders, universities, government agencies, and other nonprofit organizations. Since UGSBC’s founding in 1993, the Council has grown to more than 17,000 member companies and organizations, a comprehensive family of LEED® green building rating systems, an expansive educational offering, the industry’s popular Greenbuild International Conference and Expo (www.greenbuildexpo.org), and a network of 78 local chapters, affiliates, and organizing groups. For more information, visit www.usgbc.org.

About LEED®

The LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System™ is a feature-oriented rating system that awards buildings points for satisfying specified green building criteria. The six major environmental categories of review

include: Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Energy and Atmosphere, Materials and Resources, Indoor Environmental Quality and Innovation and Design. Certified, Silver, Gold, and Platinum levels of LEED green building certification are awarded based on the total number of points earned within each LEED category. LEED can be applied to all building types including new construction, commercial interiors, core & shell developments, existing buildings, homes, neighborhood developments, schools and retail facilities. LEED for Healthcare is currently under development and is expected to be released in early 2008. Incentives for LEED are available at the state and local level and LEED has also been adopted nationwide by federal agencies, state and local governments, and interested private companies. For more information, visit www.usgbc.org/LEED.

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