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Indiana Toll Road Administration Building Achieves first LEED Gold Certification in Indiana under new guidelines

ELKHART, Ind. – JUNE 3, 2020 – ITR Concession Company (ITRCC), the operator of the Indiana Toll Road, has been awarded LEED Gold Certification for the environmentally conscious design of its new Administration Building. Through conscious planning, construction, and practices that improve environmental health, the project earned the first LEED Gold Certification in Indiana following the new “V4” guidelines.

LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), is the most widely used green building rating system in the world and an international symbol of excellence. The new “V4” LEED guidelines increased technical stringency from past versions and introduced new challenges for projects. All Gold-certified buildings in Indiana were constructed under previous guidelines. ITRCC staff saw this as an opportunity to be state leaders, pursuing certification through the new challenging rules.

Rachel Novick, a sustainability specialist at the University of Notre Dame, served as a sustainability consultant for the project. Novick said the new building is one of the greenest commercial structures in Northern Indiana.

“Across its operations, ITRCC continues to innovate in key areas including renewable energy, waste reduction, and ecological restoration,” Novick said.

The building reduces environmental impact through architectural design and technological innovation. Solar panels were installed to offset 20% of yearly energy costs, while smart heating and cooling systems reduce the energy needed to maintain the building’s temperature. The project’s design provides shading from the sun, reducing the need to actively cool the office space during the summer months.

No-mow grass and accumulation ponds surround the building, minimizing the need for ongoing landscaping and maintenance. Inside, the office space is designed to reduce paper use and allows for easy recycling of cans, bottles, and electrical equipment. Electric vehicle charging stations allow visitors and staff members to charge up while at work. Employees are encouraged to explore Elkhart on their feet, as the Administration Building is within walking distance of local restaurants and retail locations.

Nic Barr, ITRCC CEO, said the business is focused on a sustainable approach to all operations.

“Our new Administration Building is just one part of our environmental efforts,” Barr said. “New salt domes reduce salt-runoffs during the winter, while our tree planting efforts have supported local carbon offset objectives. We have embraced the opportunity to act as local leaders, welcoming in members of the Green Building Council of Indiana and local business professionals to experience the green features of our new building.”

“ITRCC’s LEED certification demonstrates tremendous green building leadership,” said Mahesh Ramanujam, president and CEO, U.S. Green Building Council. “LEED was created to make the world a

better place and revolutionize our buildings and communities by providing everyone with access to healthy, green and high performing buildings. ITRCC is a prime example of how the innovative work of project teams can create local solutions that contribute to making a global difference.”

“The work of innovative building projects like the ITRCC Administration Building is a fundamental driving force in transforming the way our buildings are built, designed and operated,” said Mahesh Ramanujam, president and CEO, USGBC. “Buildings that achieve LEED certification are lowering carbon emissions, reducing operating costs and conserving resources while prioritizing sustainable practices and human health. Because of ITRCC, we are increasing the number of green buildings and getting closer to USGBC’s goal to outpace conventional buildings, while being environmentally and socially responsible and improving quality of life for generations to come.”

LEED Gold Certification is proof that ITRCC is committed to ensure the new Administration Building is constructed and operated to the highest level of sustainability.

About the Indiana Toll Road

In operation since 1956, the Indiana Toll Road stretches 157 miles across the northernmost part of Indiana from Ohio to the Illinois state line, linking Chicago with the largest cities on the eastern seaboard. The Indiana Toll Road – managed by ITR Concession Company LLC (ITRCC) – and its approximately 300 employees are proud to operate a safe and efficient roadway while providing high quality customer service to serve thousands of patrons every day. ITRCC is indirectly owned by IFM Investors, which is a uniquely-structured global fund manager with a strong track record as a responsible steward of some of the world’s biggest transportation infrastructure assets.

About the U.S. Green Building Council

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) is committed to a prosperous and sustainable future through cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings. USGBC works toward its mission of market transformation through its LEED green building program, robust educational offerings, an international network of local community leaders, the annual Greenbuild International Conference & Expo, the Center for Green Schools and advocacy in support of public policy that encourages and enables green buildings and communities. For more information, visit usgbc.org.