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Campbell Moves Into Their New “Green” Home

Caledonia, MI . (June 18, 2007) Wolverine Building Inc. has recently completed the new home for The Campbell Group's Corporate Headquarters. The new Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified facility is located Caledonia Township at 5650 Prairie Creek Drive and is a prominent eye-catcher driving Eastbound on M-6.

A successful Michigan business with 150 employees, The Campbell Group is one of the largest independent insurance providers in Michigan. Their need for expansion called for a talented architectural firm, Integrated Architects, and a quality construction team. The end product has much to say about the team Wolverine Building put together for this distinguished project.

The exterior consists of about 50% of tinted glass, stone veneer, and horizontal metal panel accents. The challenge in design is that all four sides of the building have great views and access. It is like having a home with a main entrance on each side. All elevations of the building have spectacular views of wooded areas, ponds, fountains, a waterfall, and wildlife also making their surroundings a new home.

According to Mike Kelly, President for Wolverine Building Inc., "This is a uplifting facility that will make it a joy for people that work in it to go to work every day, each view out any window is like looking at a wildlife nature scene"

The 52,000 square foot two-story conventional steel office building features a large open floor plan to allow for a custom tailored Systems Furniture layout. The first and second floor combined allow for 21,000 square feet of office space. The first floor will include the reception area, entryway, offices, and a 4,000 square foot café, while office space will encompass the majority of the second floor. An additional 8,000 square foot walk-out basement will house a fitness area with locker rooms, training room, IT room, mechanical room, and storage space.

Much planning and design went in to incorporate LEED construction practices. Everything from the heating and cooling system, plumbing, windows, carpet, and office furniture have features encouraging environmental preservation. The goal was to minimize the facility's impact on the environment, reduce overall operational costs, and promoting a healthy workspace for its occupants. A few key project features are landscaping species native to Michigan, low water volume lawn irrigation that takes water out of a nearby man made pond, the pond is filled by rain

water run off that is collected and routed to the pond. Water efficient sinks, toilets, urinals, and appliances were installed. The use of high efficiency glazing will help promote day-lighting to minimize the facilities energy use. A raised floor system with heating, cooling, and wiring below the floor will allow for more open space, efficiencies, and individual control. All during the construction phase waste and masonry waste material was be recycled. Low-Emitting Materials, such as carpeting, paints, and wood, were all used.

The goal here was to build a facility that works with its environment, not against it. Being good stewards of our planet isn't as hard as you might think," said Vaughn Aikens, LEED Project Manager for Wolverine Building Inc.

Wolverine Building, Inc. is a full-service general contractor with more than 65 years of experience providing exceptional construction services to industrial and commercial clients throughout West and Central Michigan.

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