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Wolverine's First LEED Platinum Project

GRAND RAPIDS, MI (July 7, 2009) ó For the past decade West Michigan has become an excellent example of the green movement. Today there are hundreds of companies in the Grand Rapids Area that are following sustainable practices. Catalyst Partners and M Retail Solutions are a couple of those companies who are dedicated to sustainable design strategies. The companies have formed a partnership to convert the building at 502-2nd Street into their new office location.

While the number of LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certified Building is rising exponentially in Grand Rapids, the highest level, Platinum Certified of the Green Building Rating System, is harder yet to met. Catalyst Partners, M Retail Solutions, along with Wolverine Building, Inc. are proud to accept the challenge; 502-2nd Street will be seeking LEED Platinum Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

The building was built in 1917 to house a very successful flour mill that shipped out the highest quality flour in the country at the time. Throughout its history the building has housed a variety of businesses that reflect the changing nature of the neighborhood. Most recently it was home to a local engine repair shop.

The project consists of the remodel of a historic two-story building into office space. Wolverine Building, Inc. plans rehabilitate the existing 2,825 square feet and build an additional 1,125 square feet to expand the space. The idea of historic preservation and LEED-Certified construction techniques go hand in hand. A large emphasis is being put on material re-use to restore as much of the original features as possible; much of the hardware, trim, doors, and existing floors will be re-used. Other sustainable features include the addition of windows to meet natural light requirements, and the incorporation of geothermal heating for the building.

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