

Clark College at Columbia Tech Center receives LEED gold certification

Clark College at Columbia Tech Center, the newest of Clark's educational facilities, was recently awarded LEED gold certification established by the U.S. Green Building Council and verified by the Green Building Certification Institute.

LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is the nation's pre-eminent program for the design, construc-

tion and operation of high performance green buildings. The certification was the result of ongoing work by the college in partnership with LSW Architects and Timothy Buckley of Greenstone Architecture, LEED consultant for the project, which was built by Todd Construction, Inc.

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certification for energy use, lighting, water and material use, as well as incorporating a variety of other sustainable strategies. By using less energy and water, LEED certified buildings save money for families, businesses and taxpayers, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and contribute to a healthier environment for residents, workers and the larger community.

The building at Columbia Tech Center features 18 classrooms, eight science and computer labs, offices for faculty and support staff, and parking for 393 vehicles, including 20 new low-emission and fuel efficient vehicle spaces. It includes wireless internet services throughout a state-of-the-art security system.