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Attached is a news release announcing that the Katz Women's Hospital project at North Shore University Hospital is the first in New York to be awarded the LEED Platinum certification, the highest rating by the US Green Building Council for its sustainable design, green building materials and energy-efficient systems. The North Shore-LIJ Health System facility provides a healthy and healing environment for women and their families. The Katz Women's Hospital at North Shore uses 18.6 less energy and 51 percent less water, among other green and sustainable features. Attached is an infographic that depicts saving on water usage. If you'd like more information or to arrange an interview, please contact me.

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Katz Women's Hospital at North Shore Is First Hospital Project in NY State to Earn LEED Platinum Green Building Certification

MANHASSET, NY – The North Shore-LIJ Health System announced today that The Katz Women's Hospital at North Shore University Hospital is the first hospital project in New York to be awarded the LEED® Platinum certification, the highest rating by the US Green Building Council (USGBC) for its sustainable design, green building materials and energy-efficient systems.

LEED® stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design and is the accepted benchmark for sustainable building practices in renovating existing facilities or building new ones. Using a stringent rating system, the USGBC certifies projects Silver, Gold or Platinum. The Katz Women's Hospital, which occupies three floors, earned Platinum LEED® certification for its third floor renovation project. The fourth floor is expected to receive Platinum certification and the fifth floor, a gold rating.

“The vision of the Katz Women's Hospital at North Shore, which opened last May, was to build a first-class facility that provided superior healthcare to meet the special needs of women, and at the same time, build a hospital that would be more sustainable and environmentally-friendly,” said Maurice LaBonne, senior vice president of facilities services at North Shore-LIJ.

The 73-bed Katz Women's Hospital at North Shore features single maternity rooms that take advantage of natural light, private single rooms for mothers, a well-baby newborn nursery, and work areas.

“The Katz Women’s Hospital was designed by Stantec Architecture to achieve LEED certification for energy use, lighting, water and material use as well as incorporating a variety of other sustainable strategies,” said Neil Rosen, director of sustainable development at North Shore-LIJ. “The facility also provides a healthy and healing atmosphere for women and their families, and staff members also benefit from working in a ‘green’ space.”

Mr. LaBonne pointed out that sustainable buildings make good economic sense.

“Hospital’s are power-intensive and use heating and cooling year-round to maintain a complex array of patient care services, so there is an incentive to be energy efficient ,” said Mr. La Bonne. “Wise energy use translates to significant cost-savings and a lower impact to the environment.”

With the Platinum rating, on average, the Katz Women’s Hospital uses 18.6 percent less energy, 51 percent less water and 100 percent of the electrical power consumed in its first two years of operation will have been generated using renewable energy from wind power in Texas.

Mr. LaBonne said that LIPA was instrumental in helping the Katz Women’s Hospital achieve its energy efficiency benchmark by providing an incentive of \$30,000 toward commissioning services as well as \$25,000 for the successful achievement of energy related credits.

Additional green and sustainable features of The Katz Women’s Hospital at North Shore include:

- testing indoor air quality to validate compliance with the most stringent standards;
- 100 percent of all appliances and computer equipment installed are Energy Star rated;
- a comprehensive green cleaning program to maintain the facility;
- solar shading devices that allow daylight in, allowing the space to be heated by the sun in the winter and keeping rooms cooler in the summer months by blocking the sun’s rays;
- all paints and coating used contain either low or zero volatile organic compounds;
- a special heating, ventilating and air conditioning system which allows all maintenance to be done outside patient rooms; and,
- more than 75 percent of waste generated during construction was recycled.

Under the LEED® rating system worldwide, less than six percent of projects are Platinum certified, and only 46 projects of any type of building in New York State have achieved this rating.