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Green Building Council adds Recology to the curriculum

San Francisco (March 28, 2011) — The Northern California chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council is conducting an educational tour this week in San Francisco at one of the most innovative commercial interiors project in the country – Recology at 50 California Street. The tour is part of the USGBC tour series to educate real estate professionals about green building, and in addition will provide continuing education credits for LEED certification.

The LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold-rated office space for waste collector Recology incorporates recycling to a range rarely seen in office space — from the artwork to the counter tops. The build out of the new Recology space was a collaborative effort between the client, BCCI Construction Company, and POLLACK Architects.

“Their exemplary performance of landfill diversion in waste at the Recology project is at a level that I haven’t seen before.” said John R. Hussey, Vice-Chair of the San Francisco Bay Bridge Branch of the USGBC and a Senior Estimator for BCCI Construction that provided construction and LEED consulting services to Recology for the project.

Speakers during the tour will be David Galullo, CEO& Design Principal of POLLACK architecture, and Michelle Schott, BCCI Senior Project Estimator who were both integral to the delivery of a successful space.

Hussey said the learning objectives for the tour include measuring the value of salvaging and re-purposing reclaimed items from a recycling/waste disposal center and clarifying the specific criteria for a LEED Commercial Interiors Gold rating.

“It was a pleasure to work with a client that is so highly committed to the principles of sustainability,” said Alex Spilger, Director of Sustainability at BCCI. “The artwork created from salvaged landfill scraps represents just one of many environmental aspects of the project that helped achieve LEED-CI Gold for Recology.”

The 50 California Street location for Recology was chosen due to its close proximity to public transportation and its ability to provide daylight and views to the outdoors. Specific green initiatives include Green Label Plus carpet containing 60% recycled content, recycled cork and linoleum flooring, backsplash material is 100% coconut shell, and recycled concrete was used for the counter tops.

Recology re-used over 90% of all construction waste produced from the demolition of the existing space and that accumulated during the project. As part of their waste diversion program, Recology implemented an artist-in-residence program where artists have access to create art pieces from trash that would have otherwise ended up in the landfill.

For more information on the tour, please visit: http://www.usgbc-ncc.org/index.php?option=com_events&type=event&task=details&id=1012&Itemid=109

About BCCI Construction Company:

BCCI Construction is a leading commercial contractor, headquartered in San Francisco with an office in Palo Alto serving the Greater Bay Area. Established in 1986, BCCI provides a full range of construction services. Primarily known as a premier commercial interior builder, BCCI's portfolio of work now includes major building renovations, historic restoration, and seismic upgrades. , BCCI also offers a unique range of preconstruction services, sustainable construction practices and LEED consulting. For more information, please visit www.bcciconst.com

About USGBC-NCC

The U.S. Green Building Council - Northern California Chapter is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, voluntary organization that educates, motivates, provides resources and advocates for industry transformation to build and maintain sustainable communities.

USGBC-NCC is part of a network of approximately 65 USGBC Chapters throughout the United States which represent USGBC in their respective regions. Located in a region which is equivalent to the 10th largest economy of the world*, NCC is one of the largest USGBC Chapters in the country, a recipient of several USGBC Excellence Awards, and the leading green building organization in Northern California. The Chapter is headquartered in San Francisco, and has branches in the Mount Diablo region of the East Bay, Monterey Bay, Sacramento, San Francisco Bay Area , and Silicon Valley.

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