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TARLTON PROJECT AT BRDG PARK WINS KEYSTONE AWARD

ST. LOUIS (Nov. 9, 2010) -- Building 1 in the BioResearch & Development Growth (BRDG, pronounced "bridge") Park at the Danforth Plant Science Center in St. Louis County, Mo., is the winner of a 2010 Keystone Award from the Associated General Contractors of St. Louis. Tarlton Corp. managed construction of the state-of-the-art wet lab and office building for owner Wexford Science & Technology.

The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold core and shell project was honored for sustainable construction, a category new to the awards, which pay tribute to St. Louis construction firms that support and enhance the quality of life in the region by delivering outstanding projects on time and on budget. Awards are based not on beauty, according to the AGC, but on contractors' ability to devise solutions to construction challenges.

"The Keystone awards are always gratifying because the finalists represent the best projects St. Louis builders have to offer," said Tarlton Chief Operating Officer Dirk Elsperman, attending the Nov. 3 ceremony with project team members. "This is our first winner for sustainability and our first LEED Gold project, coupling a great owner and fantastic team. The research at BRDG Park and sustainable construction are such a close fit that we hope everyone involved in the project takes pride in the award."

Construction challenges required meticulous coordination between the owner, design team, builder and subcontractors. The independent judging panel made note of the 17.5 percent energy savings achieved in Building 1, all the more difficult in a facility with heavy lab use. The energy savings is reached through a fully commissioned heating, ventilation and air conditioning system that allows building engineers to fine-tune the controls for peak performance. Other green building features include low-flow systems that reduce water consumption by 30 percent and daylight views from more than 97 percent of the interior.

Designed by Gaudreau Inc, Baltimore, the building opened in June 2009. The team exceeded its original intent of achieving LEED Silver for the project and earned enough points for Gold certification (one level higher) from the U.S. Green Building Council. In addition to energy efficiency, points were earned through strategies that included recycling (57 percent of all construction waste diverted from landfills), the use of building materials extracted and manufactured within 500 miles (41 percent), truck cleaning, dust protection and retention ponds that hold and filter excess storm water.

The award-winning team was led by Tarlton Senior Vice President John Doerr, with team members Andrew Kovarik, project director; Jeff Wampler and Jeff Freese, project managers; Craig Smith, project engineer; Eric Nichols, project superintendent; and Jean Tedesco, project assistant. Robert Wesolich served as a construction consultant, while

Kevin Oakley, manager of estimating and preconstruction, provided preconstruction services.

Building 1 at BRDG Park is one of the only wet lab facilities available for lease to emerging plant and life science companies nationwide to earn LEED Gold status. The 110,000-square-foot, four-story building is the first of three buildings at BRDG Park, which ultimately will encompass 450,000 square feet. Based on successful completion of the Building 1 core and shell, Tarlton was contracted to build out space for tenants conducting research and providing workforce development and training in the life and plant science fields, including St. Louis Community College Center for Plant & Life Sciences, Monsanto, Divergence, Nidus Partnership and Phycal.

More information about Tarlton, St. Louis' largest women-owned general contracting and construction management firm, is available at www.tarltoncorp.com. The complete list of Keystone winners and finalists can be found at <http://agcstl-keystone.org/>.

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