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Ohio State's James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute Awarded Prestigious LEED® Green Building Certification

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The Ohio State University announced today that it has been awarded LEED® Gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council for the new home of The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center's Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute (OSUCCC – James).

At 21 floors, with more than 1.1 million square feet, the 306-bed adult cancer hospital transitioned oncology care operations to this new facility in December 2014. The hospital is the patient care component of The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center, the only central Ohio comprehensive cancer center rated as exceptional for research by the National Cancer Institute (NCI).

“Achieving LEED Gold certification for a hospital is an extraordinary accomplishment and reinforces Ohio State's commitment to sustainability,” said Jay Kasey, senior vice president for administration and planning. “Our project team takes great pride in delivering state-of-the-art facilities to support patient care and innovative research, while at the same time remaining responsible stewards of our environment.”

The OSUCCC – James was recognized specifically for sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality. Examples of green building features at The James include:

- Garden terraces on north and south sides of building, creation of open green spaces
- Rapidly renewable materials such as bamboo used for interiors
- Rainwater-runoff catch basin, low-flow plumbing fixtures
- Heat recovery wheel for mechanical systems, thermal efficient exterior glass
- Drought-tolerance and indigenous plants integrated into the landscape

Institutions that earn LEED Gold certification must illustrate a commitment to green building leadership through practical and measurable strategies and solutions shown to have a positive impact on the health of occupants while promoting renewable, clean energy.

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About the OSUCCC – James The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer

Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute strives to create a cancer-free world by integrating scientific research with excellence in education and patient-centered care, a strategy that leads to better methods of prevention, detection and treatment. Ohio State is one of only 45 National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers and one of only four centers funded by the NCI to conduct both phase I and phase II clinical trials on novel anticancer drugs. As the cancer program's 306-bed adult patient-care component, The James is one of the top cancer hospitals in the nation as ranked by U.S. News & World Report and has achieved Magnet designation, the highest honor an organization can receive for quality patient care and professional nursing practice. At 21 floors with more than 1.1 million square feet, The James is a transformational facility that fosters collaboration and integration of cancer research and clinical cancer care. For more information, visit <http://cancer.osu.edu>.

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