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## MASTER BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION AIM FOR A LEED CERTIFIED RATING FOR NEW HEADQUARTERS

**Pittsburgh, PA** – The Master Builders' Association of Western Pennsylvania (MBA) is renovating their new headquarters to receive at least a Silver Certified Rating from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) under their Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED).

The MBA's 10,000-square-foot "green building" offers a variety of environmentally friendly amenities ranging from a sophisticated air ventilation system to motion sensors to reduce energy consumption and new exterior walls and windows for proper insulation. The project is on schedule to be completed in April, 2009. The headquarters are located in the foothills of Foster Plaza, Green Tree, 631 Iron City Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15205.

"Members of the Master Builders' Association take pride in Pittsburgh being known as "Green" city. When it came time to renovate our building, there was no question that we would seek a LEED rating," said Jack Ramage, Executive Director of the MBA. "As an association that's committed to sustainable ideas for the benefit of the construction industry, it's important for the MBA to lead by example and obtain a high LEED rating for our headquarters."

Key project team members include: F.J. Busse Co., Inc. – general contractor; Rothschild Doyno Collaboration – architect; and, M\*Design – interior designer.

LEED provides a national standard for what constitutes a green building. The LEED system is a voluntary, consensus-based national standard for developing high-performance sustainable buildings. LEED provides a complete framework for assessing building performance and meeting sustainability goals. Evaluation categories include sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, indoor environmental quality, and innovation and design.

**About the MBA:** Since 1886, the Master Builders' Association has set the standard in Western PA for construction excellence by investing in a skilled workforce, implementing award-winning safety programs and offering the best in management expertise. **In green construction, the MBA membership account for 90% of the square footage of LEED certified buildings in the Greater Pittsburgh region.** The MBA is the Western PA Building Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America. For more information on the MBA, please visit [www.mbawpa.org](http://www.mbawpa.org).

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