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SkySong 4 Building Awarded LEED Silver Certification

Coveted Environmental Design Honor Goes to Newest SkySong Building

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona (May 11, 2017) — SkySong 4 has joined its fellow office buildings in the project in a very “green” club — and continues to set the standard for office work space innovation.

The four-story, 141,000-square-foot office and research building at the intersection of SkySong Boulevard and Innovation Place has achieved Silver LEED certification from the U.S. Green Building Council for its sustainable design and construction.

LEED—Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design—is a certification program that sets the standard for environmentally responsible construction in the U.S. Buildings are measured based on the number of points they earn across the categories of green building, such as energy, water, indoor environment, location and materials.

SkySong in 2009 earned environmental plaudits for the first three completed buildings on the site, SkySong 1, 2 and 3, joining only a handful of projects in the Valley to have achieved Silver Certification of higher, and one of the few non-governmental projects to achieve such status.

“With some careful planning a touch of ingenuity, the SkySong 4 building is not only a beautiful property but an environmentally healthful one,” said Sharon Harper, President & CEO of Plaza Companies, the master developer of the SkySong project and SkySong 4. “A LEED Silver award confirms that Sky Song 4 tenants will work in a high-performance, energy-efficient building.”

Plaza Companies is the master developer of SkySong, in partnership with the ASU Foundation, City of Scottsdale and Holualoa Companies.

Sethuraman “Panch” Panchanathan, Executive Vice President for Knowledge Enterprise Development at Arizona State University, said the LEED certification is consistent with ASU’s commitment to sustainability.

“ASU has a standard for its new buildings of achieving LEED certification, and we are pleased to see this standard continue at SkySong,” Panchanathan said. “The commitment to

sustainability at SkySong is an important part of the vision for an exceptional environment for innovation and entrepreneurship.”

The path to the LEED award began with the design process. The SkySong 4 project features sustainable strategies that were implemented, including:

- Use of native plant species and high-efficiency irrigation technology to achieve more than 82.1% reduction of water consumption for irrigation
- High efficiency design and systems technology to achieve an energy cost savings of 22.59%
- Over 31% of the total building materials were specified and manufactured using recycled materials.
- Over 26.88% of the total building materials include materials and products that were manufactured and extracted within a 500-mile radius of the project site
- Use of low-emitting materials like adhesives, sealants, paints, flooring, and composite wood to provide healthy indoor air quality
- Implementation of a Green Housekeeping Policy provided by the Plaza janitorial service contractor to optimize health indoor air quality for tenants and occupants during the building’s operational period
- Dedicated areas for collection and storage of recyclables within the building and onsite, including a tenant recycling waste disposal program provided by the janitorial service of the building
- Diversion of 37.5% of the on-site construction waste from the landfill
- Use of low-flow plumbing fixtures to achieve more than 42.91% water use reduction for the project
- Preferred parking reserved for sustainable vehicle transportation, like low-emissions vehicles, and even carpooling
- Sourcing of sustainably harvested and managed wood products, verified by the Forest Stewardship Certification program

SkySong, the ASU Scottsdale Innovation Center is home to a global business community that links technology, entrepreneurship, innovation, and education to position ASU and Greater Phoenix as global leaders of the knowledge economy.

SkySong is a 42-acre mixed use development designed to:

- Create an ecology of collaboration and innovation among high-profile technology enterprises and related researchers;
- Advance global business objectives of on-site enterprises;
- Raise Arizona’s profile as a global center of innovation through co-location of ASU’s strategic global partners; and
- Create a unique regional economic and social asset.

Companies located at SkySong enjoy a special relationship with Arizona State University, which has more than 90,000 students studying across four metropolitan Phoenix campuses, in Lake Havasu and online. ASU is one of the largest public universities in the nation, with the majority of its students attending its campus in Tempe, Arizona, less than three miles from SkySong.

In addition to locating its own innovative research units at the center, through ASU's on-site operations, tenant companies have a single point of contact for introductions to researchers, faculty and programs to address their specific needs.

For more information on SkySong, visit www.skysong.com or www.facebook.com/skysongcenter.

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About SkySong

Plaza Companies is the developer of the project in partnership with Arizona State University Foundation, the City of Scottsdale and Holualoa Companies. Lee and Associates provides the brokerage services and Plaza del Rio Management Corporation provides the property management and construction services. Architects at SkySong include Pei Cobb Freed and Partners, DMJM Design, Butler Design Group and Kendle Design Collaborative.

About Plaza Companies

With offices in Peoria, Scottsdale and Tucson, Plaza Companies is a full-service real estate firm specializing in the management, leasing and development of medical office and commercial office properties, technology and bioscience facilities, mixed-use properties and senior housing communities. Since 1982, Plaza Companies has established a proud track record as a competitive, connected and conscientious real estate firm with partnerships throughout the industries it serves. For more information, visit www.theplazaco.com.

About the ASU Foundation

In 2016, the ASU Foundation came under the umbrella of ASU Enterprise Partners, a new parent organization to five distinct private, nonprofits that raise, create and invest resources for the benefit of Arizona State University while advocating for and advancing its mission and brand. Those entities are comprised of the ASU Foundation, University Realty, LLC, Arizona Technology Enterprises (AzTE), Arizona State University Research Enterprise (ASURE) and the Research Collaboratory at ASU.

About Holualoa Companies

Holualoa Companies is a real estate investment firm focused on the successful acquisition, repositioning, redevelopment and disposition of real estate assets. Headquartered in Tucson, Arizona, with offices in Phoenix, Santa Monica, Hawaii and Paris, its investments span the United States and Europe and include office, retail, industrial, multi-family, hotel and mixed-use investment properties. Holualoa is an experienced investor for its own account and on behalf of a select group of private investors.

About the City of Scottsdale

Scottsdale is one of the state's leading job centers, with a diverse economy built on medical research, high-tech innovation, tourism and corporate headquarters. Scottsdale is home to nearly 18,000 businesses supplying over 150,000 jobs. The high-tech innovation center SkySong, located just a few miles from Downtown, is designed to help companies grow through a unique partnership with nearby Arizona State University. The Scottsdale Cure Corridor is a partnership

of premier health care providers and biomedical companies seeking to advance medicine and patient care through cutting-edge research. For more information, visit ChooseScottsdale.com.