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Cold Climate Housing Research Center Named Farthest-North LEED Platinum Building

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FAIRBANKS, AK – Cold Climate Housing Research Center (CCHRC) is pleased to announce that its Research and Testing Facility (RTF) has been awarded “LEED Platinum” certification. “Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design,” or LEED, is awarded by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) to buildings that are designed and built using a whole-building approach to sustainability that recognizes performance in five key areas: energy efficiency, sustainable site development, human and environmental health, water efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality. Platinum is the highest ranking of the LEED certification levels, and this award makes the CCHRC facility the farthest north LEED Platinum building in the world.

CCHRC achieved LEED Platinum by using innovative but practical building techniques and technologies available in Alaska including the REMOTE wall, Alaskan-made triple pane windows, solar thermal systems, and residential HRVs.

“It is an honor to receive this recognition,” said Jack Hébert, CCHRC President and CEO. “This award proves that sustainable building practices and operation can be achieved despite the challenges of the world’s circumpolar regions. We look forward to many more years as a sustainable organization, researching energy efficient practices and innovative building techniques for our climate.”

The United States Green Building Council is an international organization that leads a diverse constituency of builders and environmentalists, corporations and nonprofits, elected officials, citizens, teachers, and students. The USGBC aims to change the way structures are designed, built, and operated in order to be healthier and save resources. Visit www.usgbc.org for more information.

The Cold Climate Housing Research Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to research that improves the durability, health, and affordability of shelter for people living in the circumpolar regions. To learn more about CCHRC’s LEED Platinum Research and Testing Facility, and the many other innovative projects at CCHRC, visit www.cchrc.org.

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