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BALA'S OFFICE AWARDED LEED-CI CERTIFIED RATING FROM USGBC

Official notice that Bala was awarded the Certified Level was received from the U.S. Green Building Council in Spring 2006. Acting as the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Project Administrator, Bala designed, commissioned, and registered our office space for the Certified Level for the Commercial Interiors (LEED-CI) Rating System. Bala is one of less than forty (40) projects worldwide, and believed to be the first engineering firm in the nation to be awarded this LEED-CI Green Certification.

Bala's office showcases our commitment to responsible design. From the exposed fabric ductwork system (the "Blue Sky" Air Distribution), to recycled carpeting and workstations, and a waterless urinal, it is easy to find the environmentally conscious decisions made on the project. By utilizing selective demolition to create the appearance of a completely new layout and reusing existing materials wherever possible, the overall construction waste was reduced to only 1 1/2 dumpster loads. The team of HRPT Properties Trust, Bala, Meyer Design, an interior design and architecture firm, and Shields Construction worked closely together to design and build this LEED certified office.

Bala is currently involved in the design and commissioning of numerous Green Buildings in the Philadelphia area, as well as nationwide, including the first new building to receive Platinum LEED-CS (Core and Shell) Certification, One Crescent Drive at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. There are only seventeen other projects to date that have received a Platinum level (the highest offered) certification in any LEED rating system.