



**Robert Borders & Associates Spearheads First Anaheim City Building
Awarded with LEED GOLD Certification Status**

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Newport Beach, CA – Robert Borders & Associates (RBA) is proud to announce that the recently completed interior renovation of Anaheim West Tower for the City of Anaheim, has been awarded LEED GOLD (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification status as set by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC).

This 220,000 SF 11-story city office building is located adjacent to Anaheim City Hall and houses the Anaheim Public Utilities Department along with other city functions. Anaheim West Tower was scheduled for renovation in 2006 and the City selected RBA for architectural, interior design, engineering and project management services. Having previously worked with the City of Anaheim, the RBA Team utilized its knowledge and experience to pilot the project through a lengthy building renovation process. The building, which remained occupied during its early 2007 through mid 2009 refurbishment, offered the city a unique chance to integrate elements of green building techniques along with energy efficient technology and strategies. The renovation process was performed in 10 phases to allow for occupancy during construction. Throughout the renovation, care was taken to limit the exposure of the occupants to the construction air quality concerns resulting in a valuable LEED credit for doing so. The RBA Team also provided the project management necessary to ensure compliance with all LEED certification requirements and the certification process.

Shelly J. DiLauro, CID, LEED AP ID+C, Principal for RBA, “We embraced the LEED certification goal early on as we clearly saw the value for our client. The team’s investment in time, effort and knowledge of the LEED certification process served both the City’s goals and our firm’s core values well.” She continues, “The City of Anaheim had the vision to renovate their building not only with forward thinking and flexible design but to engage sustainable practices at every opportunity. The LEED criteria are challenging standards to meet, ensuring quality design and construction in alignment with the various levels of rigorous LEED certification. The green design, products and practices introduced have transformed this energy and cost saving city building into a model for other cities and communities everywhere.”

In early 2007, the efforts began with the planning, design and construction process itself: recycled materials, low-emitting adhesives and paint, along with wood from providers that participate in sustainable forestry practices, were used predominantly throughout the refurbishment, and more than 90% of the waste generated by the construction was diverted away from landfills. Several new energy-efficient and environmentally-friendly features were integrated into the building, such as optimized lighting, Energy Star appliances, and water saving plumbing retrofits. Finally, several new procedures were drawn up to support ongoing green practices, such as green power purchasing, collection of recyclables, and green facility maintenance and cleaning practices.

The project was completed in late 2009 and was awarded LEED GOLD status in 2010.

About LEED: The LEED rating system is a U.S. Green Building Council standard, which was designed to help define, support and certify successful energy-efficient and environmentally-conscious building design, construction and operations. An organization's participation in the voluntary and technically rigorous LEED process demonstrates leadership, innovation and environmental stewardship. LEED is transforming the marketplace by providing a nationally recognized certification system to promote integrated, whole-building design practices in the building industry.

For existing commercial interiors, LEED CI v2.0 is a 57-point system. To merely qualify as LEED-certified, a building must earn a minimum of 21 points, and to achieve gold certification, like Anaheim West Tower, a building must earn a minimum of 32 points. To learn more about Green Building and the LEED certification process, visit www.usgbc.org.

About Robert Borders & Associates: Robert Borders & Associates is a full-service architectural, space planning and commercial interior design firm specializing in office, industrial, recreational and mixed use projects. Based in Orange County, CA, the firm serves a variety of public and private sector clients located across the country. Since its inception in 1967, the firm has completed projects ranging from small interior renovations to the design of complex high-rise office buildings. The firm enjoys many repeat clients and referrals as well as a reputation for design excellence and superior service. Reflecting the high degree of professional involvement, each project is executed under the direction of a principal who works closely with a designated project manager and support staff. The emphasis is on quality design, efficient response, clear and open channels of communication and unwavering attention to clients' needs. For information visit www.bordersarchitects.com

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