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**Ted Weiss Federal Building Earns ENERGY STAR® Recertification**

NEW YORK CITY - Six years after it was originally named the nation's first ENERGY STAR Label federal facility, the Ted Weiss Federal Building at 290 Broadway in lower Manhattan has not only further enhanced its energy performance through the use of green power, but continues to meet EPA's rigorous standards and achieve outstanding levels of energy efficiency. To recognize this high level of performance, the building will be recertified by the ENERGY STAR, a joint U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of Energy program, at a special ceremony scheduled for Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. in the building lobby.

"Our accomplishments in energy efficiencies at 290 Broadway are just one example of the great work by this GSA region in improving our federal facilities' environmental performance," said GSA Regional Administrator Emily R. Baker. "We are very proud of our efforts in energy conservation and the use of green power, helping us act as good stewards for the environment and taxpayers' dollars."

Energy efficient technologies originally incorporated by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) into the construction of the building helped earn it the prestigious ENERGY STAR building label in 1999. Continued maintenance and enhancement of these features enable the building to maintain energy performance that ranks it among the nation's top 25% compared to other commercial facilities.

"The Foley Square Federal Office Building at 290 Broadway has become an energy asset," said EPA Regional Administrator Alan J. Steinberg. "This ENERGY STAR re-certification is evidence of a continued commitment to renewable energy. From its lighting fixtures to its use of wind power, from its motion sensors to its comprehensive energy management system, the General Services Administration has converted this building into a template for sustainable development and energy efficiency."

Opened in 1994, the thirty-story, 1.2 million gross square foot building was designed to be among the most energy efficient buildings in its class. Working with the local utility company and the building developer, much of the success of the Ted Weiss Federal Office Building is due to the GSA project team which demonstrated that energy efficient buildings can be developed by the federal government within federal guidelines and budgets using off-the-shelf technology.

Equipment and products used throughout the building have enabled GSA to realize cost savings, compared to a building without such equipment and products. Some of the notable energy efficient and cost effective equipment used in the building includes: a sophisticated building energy management system, T-8 lighting fixtures, steam turbine centrifugal chillers, high efficiency motors, a variable air volume (VAV) air handling system, and plumbing system water saving features. In addition, the building runs on green power, or renewable energy, generated from wind turbines located in upstate New York and biomass plants in New York and New Jersey.

GSA's Northeast and Caribbean Region (NECR) continues to be a front-runner in the federal government's green power initiatives and has received numerous awards for its achievements. Among GSA's Northeast and Caribbean Region's recent noteworthy accomplishments:

Energy use at regional federal facilities in FY2005 was reduced by approximately 33.5% compared to the amount of energy used in FY1985 - and this is despite the tremendous increase in the use of office automation equipment that everyone has experienced during the same period.

In FY2006 GSA awarded a contract to provide 100% wind power to the nation's most popular tourist attractions on the east coast, the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. In this contract GSA's New Jersey Service Center will also buy over 1 million kWh of renewable energy for its 22 facilities, including the Peter Rodino Federal Building in Newark, New Jersey.

In FY2005 the region was presented with GSA's Achievement Award for Real Property Innovation for "Offsetting Environmental Hazardous Emissions from Energy 2004"- the U.S Government's premier national energy conference. In that same fiscal year the region was presented with the Department of Energy's 2005 Federal Energy and Water Management Award for exceptional accomplishments in the efficient use of green power in the Federal Sector. In addition, in 2004 and 2005 GSA headquarters presented the region with GSA's environmental awards for procuring 100% windpower for two upstate federal buildings and for federal facilities in New York City and New Jersey.

Four of the region's federal facilities have received ENERGY STAR Label designations from both the Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Two federal facilities, in Binghamton and Utica, NY, meet 100% of their energy needs through wind power.

As a result of its many environmental and energy use accomplishments EPA recently named GSA's Northeast and Caribbean Region as one of its Top 10 Federal Government Green Power Partners. The GSA Region is also on EPA's Top 25 list of the largest national purchasers of green power currently in the Green Power Partnership. Green power supplements power plant requirements, and, as a result, there are more green electrons in the grid to offset the need for conventional power generated by traditional power plants.

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