New Building Will Model Innovative Conservation Measures

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will consolidate two offices in Kanab, Utah, into one new energy-efficient building expected to be completed by the end of 2011.

The new 16,350 square foot administrative office building, including

a 6,200 square-foot warehouse, will serve as headquarters for the BLM's Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument as well as house the staff of the BLM's Kanab Field Office. Kanab is located in southern Utah, where temperatures can climb above 100 degrees F in the summer and dip below 0 in winter.

Previously, the BLM was leasing one building and maintaining another. The consolidation of the two offices into one efficient, low maintenance, conservation-oriented building brings the BLM employees together under one roof and will save energy, resources, and money over the long-term.

The warehouse space will be shared between the two offices to house essential equipment such as fire vehicles and associated fire equipment; field supplies and soil, water and paleontology labs.

The BLM awarded a \$6.9 million ARRA contract to C3 Design Build, LLC, of Greenwood Village,



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photovoltaic

system. It is estimated that the building will be 30 percent more efficient than a minimum-code compliant building.

The building is designed to meet criteria for a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold rating from the U.S. Green Building Council. Examples of additional planned features that help meet this high rating include a ground-source heat pump system, increased insulation, drought-tolerant native landscaping, and the use of Low Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) paints, stains and adhesives.

A Gold Rating for the Kanab Office would add a fourth LEED certification (and third LEED gold rating) for BLM buildings in the State of Utah and further demonstrate the BLM's commitment to energy efficiency and sustainability.

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