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**The Lenkin Company and The Tower Companies Announce
1050 K Street Certified LEED EBOM Platinum**

Bethesda, MD – October 23, 2013 - [The Lenkin Company](#) and [The Tower Companies](#) announced today that U.S. Green Building Council has certified [1050 K Street](#) as a LEED® EBOM Platinum building. Previously certified LEED Gold in 2008 for its Core and Shell construction, this current certification confirms that the building is operated in an environmentally friendly way. The 136,000 square feet, 11-story jewel-box [commercial office building](#) designed by [Hickok Cole](#) reached Platinum certification by leveraging the sustainable features incorporated in the building's design and by operating at the highest levels of efficiency while providing the best possible indoor environment to tenants. Some of the elements that elevated 1050 K to Platinum status include:

- High level of energy and water efficiency
- The full glass curtain wall provides an abundance of daylight which reduces lighting requirements and electric demand
- Public transportation nearby reduces the burden of driving and carbon emissions
- The purchase of RECs offset 100% of the building energy consumption

“As a company with strong roots in the District, we are proud to be a tenant at 1050 K; the building and its owners’ focus on sustainable features are important to our corporate culture,” said [ADVI](#) CEO, Marc Samuels.

[Beam, Inc.](#) Vice President, Public Affairs, [Matt Stanton](#) added, "The owners' environmental mission is aligned with ours and we are proud to have offices in this beautiful LEED Platinum building."

The building is currently 98.5% occupied, located in the heart of downtown Washington and incorporates the natural elements of air, water, earth and light with features such as a sky garden, with exquisite views of DC, a fitness center and private art galleries.

1050 K Street won the 2010 NAIOP Award of Excellence and is home to several Fortune 500 companies, as well as [Tesla](#).



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About 1050 K Street

[1050 K Street](#), conveniently located near public transportation and the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, was previously a paved parking lot, which was replaced by a building capable of retaining its own storm water for irrigation of the street planters and the green roof. The building reduces tenants' carbon footprint, is 26% more energy efficient than ASHRAE 90.1 standards, saves 2 million gallons of water yearly, removes 85% of airborne pollutants, and replaces 100% of the air every 51 minutes. The design incorporates a heat recovery wheel, which captures energy in the exhaust air, normally wasted, and allows it to be used to precondition the fresh air supply. The skin of the building contains a blue glass with high shading coefficient that gives the building a unique character and differentiates it from the other transparent glass buildings in the area. The glazed curtainwall and hi-tech glass system assures thermal comfort. Over 67% of the building's materials are sourced locally.

About The Lenkin Company

[The Lenkin Company](#) founded in the 1929 is a full-service management and construction firm that has developed and built over 4.5 million square feet of commercial properties and approximately 2,200 apartment units in the Washington Metropolitan area. Over fifty percent of its commercial space in Washington DC is either LEED certified or LEED registered (this includes 1050 K Street, one of the ten certified LEED EBOM Platinum buildings in Washington DC).

About The Tower Companies

[The Tower Companies](#) are an award winning real estate Development Company founded in 1947, headquartered in Rockville, MD, and the leading regional builder of USGBC LEED projects. Tower is a Leader in EPA's [ENERGY STAR](#) and [Green Power Partnership](#) programs. They have developed over 4.5 million square feet of [office buildings](#), office parks, 1,400 [apartments](#), regional malls, residential communities, lifestyle centers, and hotels within the DC area of which nearly 90% are LEED certified. [2000 Tower Oaks Boulevard](#) in Rockville was the first LEED Platinum certified multi-tenant commercial office building in the region.