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## Airport Authority achieves LEED Gold Certification

*High rating achieved for existing maintenance building*

SAN DIEGO – January 10, 2012 – The U.S. Green Building Council has awarded the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold rating for a recent redevelopment project.

The rating was given to the Airport Authority's Facilities Management Building, located east of the Commuter Terminal. The stand-alone building was built in 1977; renovations took place in 2008. The remodel cost approximately \$2.6 million. The project was awarded 69 out of 70 eligible points and received the Gold rating in the LEED for Existing Buildings; Operations and Maintenance (LEED EB) designation. The maintenance facility is also the airport's first [Energy-Star](#) rated building.

This is the first LEED certification the Airport Authority has received. As part of the Airport Authority's [sustainability policy](#) and commitment to sustainable practices, it will seek LEED certification on all future construction projects. The Green Build, the largest construction project in the airport's history, is also being built to achieve LEED certification.

"We are proud to receive the LEED Gold rating," said Thella F. Bowens, President/CEO of the Airport Authority. "As one of the first airports in the nation to enact a sustainability policy, this achievement is a significant step in a path we've been on for several years. This LEED Gold designation helps show the community how seriously we're committed to environmental improvements, and we hope this is the first of many LEED ratings for the airport."

The rigorous LEED scoring system was developed to define and measure "green" buildings and is considered the industry standard. LEED for Existing Buildings addresses whole-building cleaning and maintenance issues (including chemical use), recycling programs, exterior maintenance programs and systems upgrades.

For more information on LEED, please visit [www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org).

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