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## **Winter Construction Earns LEED® Gold for Its New Corporate Office in the 191 Peachtree Tower**

ATLANTA (February 15, 2010) Winter Construction's new corporate office has earned LEED® Gold under the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED® for Commercial Interiors. Winter completed its first LEED® project in 2003 and currently has over 45 LEED Accredited Professionals.

"Securing LEED® Gold demonstrates Winter Construction's commitment to sustainability," said Winter's President and CEO Brent Reid. "It is important to us to be providing an efficient, productive work environment for our employees."

"Winter made it clear from the outset of this project that it was important to the company to lead by example in providing its employees with the most sustainable work environment possible," said Gensler's Managing Partner Stephen Swicegood. "Winter's commitment to a more sustainable future is clear."

Winter's corporate office in the 191 Peachtree Tower on Peachtree Street in downtown Atlanta offers its employees accessibility to transit, restaurants and other resources via foot. In addition to the benefits of the building, Winter's initiatives included:

- Reducing water consumption by more than 42 percent, lighting power density by 17 percent, and overall energy consumption with Energy Star equipment and appliances; supplementing power usage with Wind Power;
- Diverting 78 percent of construction waste from landfills during the construction and participating in the building's recycling of paper, plastic, glass, aluminum and cardboard;
- Affording 95 percent of office occupants control over the lighting in their personal space, installing lighting controls on motion sensors and timers to minimize energy use when occupants are away from their offices, and providing natural day lighting to most areas;
- Using products extracted and/or manufactured in the region, renewable materials and cradle-to-cradle products for flooring and millwork that does not rely on old growth timber.

Workers in these environments have increased labor productivity, job retention and days worked. These benefits contribute to a company's profits because salaries—which are about ten times higher than rent, utilities, and maintenance combined—are the largest expense for most companies occupying office space.

### **About Winter:**

*Winter is a privately owned and operated Atlanta based general contracting company. We provide construction and environmental services to clients in the hospitality, retail, government, education, corporate/office, religious, healthcare, historic restoration, industrial and multifamily markets in the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic. Winter Construction has consistently been ranked in the ENR Top 400 Contractors in the US for the past 25+ years. For more information visit: [www.winter-construction.com](http://www.winter-construction.com)*