

LaBella Associates Helps City Turn Brownfield into LEED Gold

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) has recently notified the City of Rochester that the City's New Water Operations Center located at 10 Felix Street has been awarded a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) GOLD rating. **This new building is the first GOLD rated building in the City of Rochester and the first GOLD rated municipal building in New York State.**

The LEED Green Building Rating System™ is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings.

The new Water Operations Center built at a cost of \$9.4 million, consists of an 84,500 square foot facility built to house the Water Bureau's administration, engineering, operations, and materials storage divisions. Construction of this facility was completed in December 2006, two (2) months ahead of schedule.

LaBella Associates served as project architect, engineer and environmental consultant on the project.

LaBella Associates President & CEO, Sergio Esteban comments, *"The importance of this award goes beyond the recognition that LaBella Associates, the City of Rochester, and all other involved parties receive. It is a statement and an example of how public funds can be invested for the benefit of the taxpayers by providing an efficient and cost effective facility in the near and long term."*