PNC Place Opens as Greater Washington Regional Headquarters

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Green construction leader surpasses 100 LEED(R)-certified projects
Twelve-story building with three-story Climate Wall earns platinum LEED certification

WASHINGTON, Oct 05, 2010 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. (NYSE: PNC) today announced that it has surpassed 100 green-certified building projects with the grand opening of its Greater Washington regional headquarters, PNC Place.

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PNC has 104 buildings LEED(R)-certified by the United States Green Building Council, including 84 certified as new construction, more than any company on Earth.

"PNC Place represents our commitment to becoming a leading institution in Greater Washington," said James E. Rohr, PNC chairman and chief executive officer. "We believe that the building's environmentally friendly design helps our employees to better serve customers and to compete more effectively in the market as a team."

"With each new LEED-certified building, we get one step closer to USGBC's vision of a sustainable built environment within a generation," said Rick Fedrizzi, president, chief executive officer and founding chair of the U.S. Green Building Council. "PNC has demonstrated great leadership in the application of green building principles, and with the opening of PNC Place in Washington, furthers its reputation as a company committed to sustainable design."

Located at 800 17th Street, just 500 yards from the White House, PNC Place offers 350,000 square feet of office space and retail, topped by a 15,000 square foot Eco-Skygarden covering half its roof. A new PNC Bank branch shares the street-level mezzanine with a glass bridge through the lobby. The bridge passes a three-story Climate Wall of constantly falling water that helps control temperature and humidity in the lobby, while a Green Wall of living plants below helps enhance air quality.


PNC expects two-thirds of PNC Place to house office tenants. Its garage holds 136 parking spaces, and bicycle commuters may take advantage of the building's showers and locker rooms.

The PNC Bank branch in the building is a PNC Green Branch(R) location, designed to take advantage of natural light and reduce energy consumption. Branch customers will be greeted at the concierge desk, where PNC employees can provide general information and guidance. Multiple ATMs and an Internet Cafe with Web accessible computers are available to customers who prefer self-service or online banking. Interactive plasma screens in the branch allow customers to explore the PNC Legacy Project. The branch will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. (www.pnc.com) is one of the nation's largest diversified financial services organizations providing retail and business banking; residential mortgage banking; specialized services for corporations and government entities, including corporate banking, real estate finance and asset-based lending; wealth management and asset management. Follow @PNCNews on Twitter for breaking news, updates and announcements from PNC.

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