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**ENCORE WIRE'S RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER  
AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS LEED® BUILDING CERTIFICATION**

(McKinney, TX) – Encore Wire Corporation announced today that its 13,000 sq. ft. new Research and Development Center has been awarded LEED® Platinum certification established by the U.S. Green Building Council and verified by the Green Building Certification Institute (GBSI). LEED, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is the nation's preeminent program for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings.

Extensive planning and time went into the design of this facility to be in compliance with LEED Platinum construction guidelines, the only LEED Platinum certified research and development facility of its kind in North Texas.

The project was designed by architectural firm Page Southerland Page, LLP of Dallas, under the leadership of Vice President Michael McCoy. MYCON General Contractors of McKinney provided construction services with Project Manager Damon Norman performing the difficult task of documenting and managing LEED construction guidelines. Todd Clayton, Encore Wire Vice President-Facilities Engineering, said, "the commitment to build and maintain a "green" building of this nature highlights Encore's positive corporate attitude regarding energy savings, sustainability, responsible environmental operations, and stewardship of the community".

Encore Wire achieved LEED certification for energy use, lighting, water and material use as well as incorporating a variety of other sustainable strategies. By using less energy and water, LEED certified building saves money for families, businesses and taxpayers; reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and contribute to a healthier environment for residents, workers and the larger community.

"Encore Wire's LEED certification demonstrates tremendous green building leadership," said Rick Fedrizzi, President, CEO & Founding Chair, U.S. Green Building Council. "The urgency of USGBC's mission has challenged the industry to move faster and reach further than ever before, and Encore Wire serves as a prime example with just how much we can accomplish."

LEED certification of Encore Wire was based on a number of green design and construction features that positively impact the project itself and the broader community. These features include:

- Parking lot designed to optimize space with preferred parking for fuel-efficient vehicles and carpools using high albedo concrete to decrease "heat island effect". The Albedo effect is the percentage of incoming radiation reflected off a surface; therefore, lighter colored surfaces have a greater albedo effect in reducing in global warming.

- Protection and repair of native habitat throughout construction
- Use of high efficiency, low wattage exterior lighting to decrease light pollution of surrounding environment and community
- Ultra efficient fluorescent interior lighting with photocells, allowing them to respond to the amount of sunlight coming through windows
- For maximized ambient light and daylight views, 95% of the building envelope is glass
- Roof mounted solar panels, to minimize grid-supplied electric power
- Office furniture, laboratory casework and accent paneling use rapidly renewable bamboo and/or recycled materials
- Where applicable, construction materials were purchased from manufacturers within 500 mile radius
- Indoor air quality control program

### **Encore Wire Corporation**

Encore Wire Corporation manufactures a broad range of copper electrical wire for interior wiring in homes, apartments, manufactured housing and commercial and industrial buildings. Backed by a select family of loyal distributors, we are driven by old-fashioned values and strive to always exceed expectations. Our expansive, state-of-the-art warehouse facilities and highly acclaimed color coding system allow us to keep inventory levels broad and deep, while continuing to maintain a goal of a 100% fill rate. For more information about Encore Wire, please contact us at (800) 962-9473.

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### **U.S. Green Building Council**

The Washington, D.C.-based U.S. Green Building Council is committed to a prosperous and sustainable future for our nation through cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings.

With a community comprising 80 local affiliates, more than 18,000 member companies and organizations, and more than 167,000 LEED Professional Credential holders, USGBC is the driving force of an industry that is projected to contribute \$554 billion to the U.S. gross domestic product from 2009-2013. USGBC leads an unlikely diverse constituency of builders and environmentalists, corporations and nonprofit organizations, elected officials and concerned citizens, and teachers and students. Buildings in the United States are responsible for 39% of CO2 emissions, 40% of energy consumption, 13% water consumption and 15% of GDP

per year, making green building a source of significant economic and environmental opportunity. Greater building efficiency can meet 85% of future U.S. demand for energy, and a national commitment to green building has the potential to generate 2.5 million American jobs.

### **LEED**

The U.S. Green Building Council's LEED green building certification system is the foremost program for the design, construction and operation of green buildings. Over 100,000 projects are currently participating in the LEED rating systems, comprising over 8 billion square feet of construction space in all 50 states and 114 countries. By using less energy, LEED-certified buildings save money for families, businesses and taxpayers; reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and contribute to a healthier environment for residents, workers and the larger community. USGBC was co-founded by current President and CEO Rick Fedrizzi, who spent 25 years as a Fortune 500 executive. Under his 15-year leadership, the organization has become the preeminent green building, membership, policy, standards, influential, education and research organization in the nation.

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