



**Robert Borders & Associates Spearheads First Ontario City Building
Awarded with LEED GOLD Certification Status**

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Newport Beach, CA – Robert Borders & Associates (RBA) is proud to announce that the recently completed renovation of Ontario City Hall for the City of Ontario, California has been awarded LEED GOLD (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification status as set by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC).

Originally constructed over 30 years ago, the approximately 55,000 SF multi-story building underwent a \$22 million complete exterior and interior renovation. Ontario City Hall was scheduled for renovation in 2006 and the city selected RBA in 2007 to provide architectural, interior design, engineering and furniture specification services. Having previously worked on several projects for the City of Ontario, the RBA Team used its knowledge and experience to pilot the project through a lengthy site and building renovation process.

Due to the extent of the renovation, City staff was relocated to temporary facilities during the construction phase. The existing improvements were removed resulting in a bare concrete shell. This opportunity offered the city the chance to introduce these sustainable design features including new energy efficient window systems, lighting, heating and cooling systems, cool and vegetated roofs and other elements to improve overall energy efficiency while reducing the building's environmental footprint.

RBA began working with the city in 2008 to analyze and design a renovation that would meet with the specific space programming requirements. Shelly DiLauro, LEED AP ID+C, firm Principal and Director of Interior Design for Robert Borders & Associates worked with city representatives to organize and create a more symbiotic, free flowing and aesthetically pleasing environment that is very efficient despite the unusual existing building configuration- "We created a facility that is very functional and yet flexible to carry the city into the future". Working with Development Agency Director Otto Kroutil, RBA was given the task of "bringing the building into the 21st century" and responded with a design for a renovation that utilizes many sustainable design principles with the ultimate goal of achieving LEED Certification for the building.

About LEED: The LEED rating system is a U.S. Green Building Council standard, which was designed to help define, support and certify successful energy-efficient and environmentally-conscious building design, construction and operations. An organization's participation in the voluntary and technically rigorous LEED process demonstrates leadership, innovation and environmental stewardship. LEED is transforming the marketplace by providing a nationally recognized certification system to promote integrated, whole-building design practices in the building industry.

For new construction and major renovations, LEED NC is a 69-point system. To merely qualify as LEED-certified, a building must earn a minimum of 26 points, and to achieve gold certification, like Ontario City Hall, a building must earn a minimum of 39 points. To learn more about Green Building and the LEED certification process, visit www.usgbc.org.

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