



Private-public partnership delivers green public school in Manhattan; designed by EE&K Architects

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A public-private partnership between the Educational Construction Fund (ECF), an arm of the N.Y.C. Board of Education, and real estate developer The World-Wide Group has resulted in the recent opening of one of the borough's first School Construction Authority (SCA)-certified green schools located at 213 E. 63rd St. The building, designed by Ehrenkrantz Eckstut & Kuhn Architects (EE&K), is the new temporary home for Public School 59.

The project is one of the first schools to comply with the Dept. of Education's NYC green schools rating system, which was adopted this year to comply with a set of sustainable design standards for public construction projects in the city established by the City Council in 2005. The Department of Education developed the system based on LEED certification requirements from the U.S. Green Building Council. The new school includes a rooftop play area, a full-sized gymnasium, common learning areas, science laboratories and classrooms.

With SCA standards calling for higher levels of fresh air, the 63rd St. School was designed with an ultra-efficient HVAC system utilizing a superior filtering system. All the school's windows were replaced and glazed with low E-coated glass, which helps keep heat out and light in. The building uses steam for heat, which emits no greenhouse gases.

The World-Wide Group and its affiliates are privately held investment companies, based in New York City. They are headed by Victor Elmaleh, chairman; and James Stanton, president, who have been engaged in real estate development and venture capital investing for over half a century. With a reputation for successfully tackling complex urban development opportunities, the group has developed over \$3 billion worth of new luxury residential properties in New York City. Its projects include 255 East 74th Street, Milan, 50 Murray Street, 53 Park Place, 88 Greenwich Street, 71 Broadway, The Steiner Building in Chelsea and The Reade Street Condominiums in Tribeca.

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Educational Construction Fund

The Educational Construction Fund, a financing and development vehicle of the New York City

Department of Education,â€ provides funds for combined occupancy structures including school facilities in New York City. The Fund encourages comprehensive neighborhood development by constructing mixed-use real estate projects which feature new school facilities.

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