



REBNY and The Durst Organization celebrate LEED Platinum certification

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Manhattan, NY The Real Estate Board of New York (REBNY) and The Durst Organization said that the trade association's office renovation at 570 Lexington achieved LEEDv4 Interior Design and Construction certification at the Platinum level, the highest level of LEED certification. This prestigious certification, awarded by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), highlights REBNY's commitment to sustainability, wellness and environmental excellence. REBNY pursued this certification with the generous support from The Durst Organization. A celebration to mark this milestone was held at REBNY's office last month and featured remarks from The Durst Organization chairman Douglas Durst, REBNY president James Whelan and representatives from CodeGreen Solutions and the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). The celebration provided an overview of the 19,000 s/f office renovation and its key sustainability achievements.

LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is an internationally recognized green building certification system that evaluates the health, efficiency, and environmental performance of a building and encourages market transformation towards more sustainable practices. The essential LEED areas for this certification include location and transportation, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, and indoor environmental quality. Achieving LEED certification underscores REBNY's commitment to sustainability, promoting a healthier work environment for its employees and members and supporting New York City's efforts to reduce its environmental footprint. REBNY engaged CodeGreen Solutions as its LEED Consultant. Achieving all the milestones required effective collaboration and expertise from the entire project team.

Architect: Sydness Architecture

Interior Designer: Gensler

Project & Cost Manager: Gardiner & Theobald, Inc.

Engineer: Goldman Copeland

Energy Modeler: CodeGreen Solutions

Commissioning Agent: CodeGreen Solutions

LEED Consultant: CodeGreen Solutions

General Contractor: Nucor Construction

Acoustical Consultant: Longman Lindsay

Lighting Designer: HLB Lighting Design

AV, IT, Security Consultant: TM Technology Partners (TMT)

Furniture Dealer: EvensonBest

Landlord: The Feil Organization

REBNY extends its deepest gratitude to all the parties involved and The Durst Organization for their invaluable support and sponsorship in the two-year journey towards achieving LEED Platinum.

"We are proud to support REBNY's LEED Platinum office designation," said Douglas Durst, Chairman of The Durst Organization. "The Durst Organization was founded with the mission to leave each place better than we found it. Our commitment to innovative sustainability practices is a key part of this mission." "The Durst Organization has been a pioneer in green building practices and we are proud to follow in their footsteps by securing LEED Platinum status for REBNY's office," said

Zachary Steinberg, REBNY's vice president of Policy. "REBNY members are global leaders in sustainable practices, which is why we were so committed to securing this certification in our renovated office. Thank you to The Durst Organization for their generous support of this important work."

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