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SFJAZZ CENTER IN SAN FRANCISCO AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS LEED® GOLD GREEN BUILDING CERTIFICATION

(San Francisco, CA, November 26, 2013) - SFJAZZ Center in San Francisco announced today that it has been awarded LEED® Gold Certification established by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and verified by the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI). LEED is the nation's preeminent program for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings.

SFJAZZ Center achieved LEED Gold certification for energy usage, lighting, water and material usage, as well as, incorporating a variety of other sustainable strategies. By using less energy and water, LEED certified buildings save money for businesses and taxpayers, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and contribute to a healthier environment for residents, workers, and the larger community.

"SFJAZZ Center applied a sustainable design approach focused on maximizing daylighting for building occupants, selecting systems to provide natural ventilation and thermal comfort, and incorporating durable green materials. The project team achieved this and more," says Jeff Caudill, Senior Sustainability Consultant, Green Building Services.

The SFJAZZ Center opened on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 21, 2013 in San Francisco's vibrant Hayes Valley and established itself as a hub of art, music, culture, and community in the Civic Center performing arts district. Designed and dedicated to jazz by award-winning architect Mark Cavagnero, acoustician Sam Berkow, theater designer Len Auerbach, and constructed by lead contractor Hathaway/Dinwiddie, the award-winning, three-story Center comprises 35,000 square feet in a transparent structure featuring the state-of-the-art Robert N. Miner auditorium adjustable from 350 to 700 seats, the 80-seat multi-purpose Joe Henderson Lab, the all day café, South at SFJAZZ, from Charles Phan of the Slanted Door Group, rehearsal spaces, digital learning lab, ground floor lobby, retail shop, box office, and SFJAZZ administrative offices.

A former auto repair shop, the Center was a brownfield site now redeveloped into a community-oriented facility that promotes a dense, urban lifestyle. The project was designed to reduce energy savings by over 35% by utilizing individual system controls, displacement ventilation, and radiant heating and cooling.

"We are extremely pleased the SFJAZZ Center was awarded LEED Gold certification," says architect Mark Cavagnero. "This represents a tremendous level of commitment from SFJAZZ, the entire engineering team, the builders at Hathaway/Dinwiddie and their subcontractors and, of course, our full architectural team."

SFJAZZ Director of Operations Mount Allen added, "Adhering to the LEED standard does require an additional layer of consideration in our day-to-day operations. The standard provides for simplification and not complication. For example, using steam as a cleaning agent, instead of chemicals. The Center practices

are mirroring our established philosophy of transparency, while revealing an operational elegance initially not originally conceived.”

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.

SFJAZZ

Founded in 1983, SFJAZZ presents the greatest names in jazz, Latin and world music and nurtures the art of improvisation through its year-round concert, commissioning, and education programs. The West Coast's biggest jazz presenter serves over 200,000 fans and students every year and has several resident jazz ensembles, the award-winning and world-renowned SFJAZZ Collective, and the award-winning SFJAZZ High School All-Stars.

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