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Carver YMCA Earns LEED Certification

Landmark project extends Hardin leadership in LEED

ATLANTA (November 4, 2008) — LEED certification has been awarded to the Villages at Carver Family YMCA in Atlanta, a landmark community project for which Hardin Construction Company served as general contractor.

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), the nation's leading evaluator of environmentally sustainable buildings, announced that the Carver YMCA facility achieved "LEED Certified" in the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System.

LEED is a third-party certification program and the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high-performance green buildings. USGBC LEED certification levels are Certified, Silver, Gold and Platinum.

"Hardin is pleased to have participated in this showcase project," said Hardin President Bill Pinto. "We congratulate the Carver YMCA for seeking and achieving an energy-efficient, high-performance building that the community and the facility's users can be proud of."

Hardin is an industry leader in LEED. More than 35 Hardin associates are LEED accredited professionals, and the company has been involved in at least nine LEED-certified projects. Hardin is helping several current projects gain LEED certification.

Completed in 2007, Villages at Carver Family YMCA is an eight-acre sports, fitness and learning complex located within Villages at Carver, a mixed-use community near the Atlanta Braves' Turner Field. The YMCA complex provides new sports and recreational opportunities for some 500 children and is a vital component of the community's revitalization efforts.

The Carver YMCA project also was cited last year in Southeast Construction magazine's annual construction and design competition as Best Health/Fitness project for 2007.

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Founded in 1946, Hardin Construction Company is a leading general contractor and construction manager in the United States and has consistently been in the forefront of its industry for years. With offices in Atlanta, GA, Tampa, FL, Orlando, FL, Raleigh, NC, and Austin, TX, Hardin Construction provides comprehensive construction services including general construction, construction management, design-build, renovation, and FF&E management. A privately held company, Hardin Construction provides services in markets such as retail, hospitality, residential, office, education, healthcare and public assembly. For more information, visit www.hardinconstruction.com.

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