

# Item A1



## Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

**Meeting Date:** May 7, 2013

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**County Executive:** Leslie Browder, Planning and Budget, 49106

**Sponsoring Court Members:** County Judge Sam Biscoe  
Commissioner Ron Davis

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Roger A. El Khoury", written over the "Dept. Head" and "County Executive" lines.

### **AGENDA LANGUAGE:**

Receive presentation regarding the LEED Gold Certification awarded by the United States Green Building Council for the Richard E. Scott Building in Precinct One.

### **BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

On May 2, 2013, the Richard E. Scott Building was awarded the United States Green Building Council's (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating of Gold. Points were awarded to the project for every credit sought under the categories of Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Energy & Atmosphere and Innovation & Design. In fact, all five possible Innovation & Design points were awarded to the project, reflecting the exemplary performance achieved in the categories of recycled content, regionally-sourced materials, rapidly renewable materials and maximizing open space. Attached is a document from USGBC showing the project ID, project name, and the project rating as Gold. Also attached is a brief summary about the LEED Gold Richard E. Scott Building.

The LEED Gold Richard E. Scott Building planning and design team who contributed to the LEED Gold Certification was:

- Facilities Management Department Architects and Engineers who performed the programming, planning, architectural design, civil engineering permitting and design, and project management.
- Goetting & Associates, MEP engineers
- Eleanor McKinney Landscape Architect, Inc.
- Austin Architecture Plus, Inc., LEED consultant.

The LEED Gold Richard E. Scott Building was constructed by Workman Commercial, Ltd.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Facilities Management Department recommends that Commissioners Court accept the presentation in acknowledgement that the Richard E. Scott Building is the first Travis County government building to achieve LEED Gold Level Certification.

**ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:**

On January 27, 2009, the Commissioners Court approved a resolution to establish a Travis County Facilities Management Department Green Building Policy and authorized Facilities Management Department to fully implement its Green Building policy to promote consistent application of a sustainable building philosophy. The goal is established to target, to the greatest extent practical, the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED trademark) silver level certification for new facilities budgeted at one million dollars or over. The Richard E. Scott Building Gold certification exceeds the target.

**FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

None

**ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:**

1. One page document from USGBC showing the project ID, project name, and the project rating as Gold.
2. One page summary about the Richard E. Scott Building.

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:**

N/A



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10405279 - Precinct One Office Building  
LEED NC 2.2

- LEED-Online Home
- Credit Scorecard & Status
- Project Summary**
- Team Admin
- Documents
- Formal Inquiries
- Help
- Project Selector
- Sign Out

**PROJECT SUMMARY**

**CERTIFIED**

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|--------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Registration | Design Application | Design Review | Design Appeal | Design Appeal Review | Construction Application | Construction Review | Construction Appeal | Construction Appeal Review | <b>Certification /Detail</b> |
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Your project is now certified. No further changes to project documentation can be made. If you have any questions regarding the status of this project, please contact GBCI at [www.gbci.org/ContactUs](http://www.gbci.org/ContactUs).

**PROJECT SUMMARY**

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**DOWNLOAD ALL**

The "Download All" feature can be used to download a .zip file that includes all templates, file uploads, and review comments for this project. The .zip file can be requested for a project once the project has achieved certification.

Click the 'Request the file' button to request a .zip file of all project documentation.

| Summary                | Project Address | Certification | Primary Contact | Project Manager | Owner | Architect | Project Type | Documents           |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Display As Certified   |                 | Yes           |                 |                 |       |           |              | Case Study ID:      |
| Points Achieved        |                 | 39            |                 |                 |       |           |              | Scorecard File ID:  |
| Certification Achieved |                 | Gold          |                 |                 |       |           | 5/2/2013     | Certification Date: |



**Richard E. Scott Building  
Certified by USGBC as LEED GOLD**

**4717 Heflin Lane, Austin**

The Richard E. Scott Building blends sustainability goals, a strong visual aesthetic, and innovative materials. On May 2, 2013, the Richard E. Scott Building was awarded the United States Green Building Council's LEED rating of Gold. Points were awarded to the project for every credit sought under the categories of Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Energy & Atmosphere and Innovation & Design. In fact, all five possible Innovation & Design points were awarded to the project, reflecting the exemplary performance we achieved in the categories of Recycled Content, Regionally-sourced Materials, Rapidly Renewable Materials and Maximizing Open Space. The creative use of materials contributes to both sustainability goals and the Richard E. Scott Building's elegant design. Water Efficiency points were awarded for having achieved goals related to the drought-tolerant landscaping and to the use of efficient plumbing fixtures. The building's orientation on the site takes advantage of strong day-lighting without exposure to the heat gain present in the afternoons, minimizing the building's heating, cooling and lighting costs. The west entry is covered by a deep overhang, keeping the glass-lined lobby comfortable on hot days. The work space windows facing each other at the entry courtyard allows for visual surveillance of the grounds as well as day-lighting and views to native vegetation. The courtroom has an acoustical barrel-vault ceiling, recycled wood wainscot and cork floors with masonry cladding on the exterior - an updated nod to traditional design. The community room, locker rooms, and break rooms have floors made of linoleum, a renewable product. Solar panels provide pre-heated water to the showers and sinks. LEED points were awarded for the building's location near local businesses, bus lines and park, which contributes to urban density as well as it benefits the building's users with proximity to services and amenities. All glues, adhesives, carpets and paints have low or zero emissions, keeping the atmosphere safe for employees and the public. The Richard E. Scott Building embodies environmentally friendly design whose beauty will keep the building sustainable for generations.