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**The Alvin H. Butz, Inc. -- Burkey Construction Co. Joint Venture
completes LEED® Platinum-Certified community
facility in Reading, Pennsylvania.**

Lehigh Valley, PA, May 21, 2010 . . . The Alvin H. Butz, Inc. -- Burkey Construction Co. Joint Venture recently completed a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) Platinum-Certified building in Reading, Pennsylvania for Berks County Community Foundation (BCCF).

The facility which opened in Fall 2009 is a three-story, 12,000 SF office and community conference center. The building serves as the BCCF's headquarters and as a meeting place for Berks County citizens to work on community-related projects.

“We are extremely proud of the Platinum rating BCCF's building received from the United States Green Building Council. The achievement reflects Butz's commitment to understanding sustainable design and managing sustainable construction,” said Greg Butz, President and CEO of Alvin H. Butz, Inc. Butz went on to say, “We saw the wisdom in the USGBC's LEED Green Building Rating System™ from the outset. Our senior employees are innovators in developing and adapting construction management principles to facilitate the LEED® process into our unique construction management approach. Their ingenuity has created a very seamless process; aiding designers and owners in their quest for a LEED® rating.”

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“The Community Foundation set out to design a headquarters that would inspire other businesses that are building or renovating to keep the environment in mind,” said Kevin Murphy, President of the Community Foundation. “We only included those green features that would pay for themselves in ten years or less. Our achievement of LEED Platinum proves that companies can earn the highest level of certification by building smarter – not more expensively.”

The Community Foundation’s headquarters and community conference center used an architectural process called integrated design. In an integrated design, the facility owners, occupants, architects, design consultants and construction managers work together from day one to create a blueprint that not only works on paper, but works at the job site, as well.

“The integrated design process allowed us to bring in our mechanical engineers early, for example, so we could make small changes to the design that would have a huge impact on the building’s environmental footprint without having a huge impact on the budget,” Murphy said.

One of those design changes involved siting the building at a 9.5 degree angle on the rectangular building site. “That one small shift gave us a full, unfettered southern exposure that allowed us to use the sun to light many of the interior spaces during the day,” Murphy said. “And that small shift didn’t add a penny to the cost of the building.”

A seven-minute video on the foundation’s website (www.bccf.org) showcases the buildings green features, which include:

- A 5,000 gallon cistern that collects rainwater off the roof to be used for toilet flushing
- Energy efficient lighting fixtures
- Low-flow water fixtures
- Energy star appliances
- Green, or planted, roofs
- Recycled carpeting and countertops
- Reclaimed stair material and office furniture
- A radiant heating and cooling system

In addition to Alvin H. Butz, Inc. and Burkey Construction Co., the project's construction managers, the Community Foundation's building team included Re:Vision Architecture of Philadelphia and DesignWorks Architects of Reading. The Community Foundation's Senior Vice President for Finance and Operations, Frances A. Aitken, CPA, worked with the team to ensure that the facility met the foundation's requirements and provided meeting space for local nonprofit groups to use free of charge.

"This is the community's building," Aitken said, "It's a place where people meet to work on projects that make Berks County a great place to live, now and in the future."

In closing, Greg Butz said, "We've made a significant investment preparing to be of value to owners and designers in facilitating the LEED® process. We have 17 LEED® Accredited Professionals on staff and our experience is growing rapidly. We've been ranked among Engineering News Record's Top 50 Green Contractors for the past two years. We're currently managing five construction projects valued at \$206 million which are seeking LEED® certification."

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ABOUT BUTZ: Alvin H. Butz, Inc. provides construction management services for corporate, commercial and institutional clients in eastern Pennsylvania. With a heritage of over 90 years, the company has a reputation for high-quality, cost-effective construction management services and is recognized as the premier builder of the region's largest, most complex structures. The firm possesses significant experience in the construction of healthcare facilities, colleges/universities, corporate office buildings, hi-tech manufacturing facilities, sports and entertainment venues, government buildings, K-12 schools and retail buildings.