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STATE VETERANS HOME ACHIEVES LEED CERTIFICATION

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs has achieved LEED Silver certification for the Michael J. Fitzmaurice State Veterans Home in Hot Springs.

LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is the most widely used green building rating system in the world. LEED provides a framework to create healthy, highly efficient and cost-saving green buildings and is a globally recognized symbol of sustainability achievement. There are less than 200 buildings in South Dakota that are LEED certified.

“Receiving LEED certification is a great accomplishment for our State Veterans home,” said Larry Zimmerman, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs. “These efficiencies will save on the environment for decades to come.”

“LEED is a third-party verification system for green buildings developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC),” said Zimmerman. “We were fortunate to have TSP, Scull Construction, and the Office of State Engineering working with us to achieve this certification.”