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LAGUARDIA TERMINAL B ACHIEVES LEED® GOLD CERTIFICATION FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

LaGuardia Terminal B Earns Second Certification Following LEED® Gold Status Achievement in Design and Construction

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New York, N.Y. – April 18, 2024 – LaGuardia Gateway Partners (LGP), the private manager and developer of LaGuardia Terminal B and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey today announced that Terminal B at LaGuardia Airport has been awarded its second LEED® Gold certification, this time for its operations and maintenance (O&M) practices. This prestigious accolade underscores LGP’s unwavering commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship in aviation infrastructure.

LEED certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) is the most widely used rating system worldwide that recognizes excellence in sustainability and design construction, and it represents the standard to which the Port Authority’s airport redevelopment projects are being held. Buildings may earn one of four LEED rating levels: Certified, Silver, Gold or Platinum. Terminal B's attainment of LEED Gold v4.1 for O&M complements its 2021 achievement of LEED Gold v4 certification for design and construction. LEED O&M evaluates the actual performance of a facility over a one-year period following substantial completion, with rigorous criteria covering energy and water usage, waste management, transportation options, human experience, and indoor air quality.

Key factors contributing to Terminal B's LEED Gold certification for O&M include:

- **Energy Efficiency:** Terminal B incorporates innovative design features that optimize natural elements for heating, cooling, and lighting, thereby reducing reliance on traditional energy sources. Utilization of natural light and a programmable lighting system, along with an HVAC system that utilizes outdoor air when available, significantly enhances energy efficiency.
- **Renewable Energy Integration:** Rooftop solar hot water systems supplement the domestic hot water supply for restroom facilities, harnessing renewable energy and contributing to overall energy savings.
- **Waste Management:** Terminal B has implemented strategies to increase organic waste diversion for composting and saw a year over year increase of 500%, demonstrating a commitment to reducing waste generation and promoting recycling initiatives.

- **Innovative Technology:** The terminal's baggage handling system (BHS) utilizes permanent magnetic motors, allowing for controlled movement of bags only when they are present in the system. The system's capability to enter 'sleep mode' when not in use saves more than 35% of energy compared to standard technologies, further enhancing energy efficiency.

LaGuardia Gateway Partners kept sustainability top of mind in both the design of construction work and terminal operations systems. Following the demolition of the old parking garage, LGP was able to recycle 99 percent of debris into materials for new construction. To reduce summer cooling loads and greenhouse gas emissions, Terminal B's roof was covered with a light-colored aluminum membrane that reflects solar heat more effectively than conventional materials. With a technology-based Building Management System, LGP is able to optimize the performance of heating and cooling by supplying the right amount of fresh air when and where it's needed.

Rick Cotton, Executive Director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, said: "Achieving LEED Gold Certification at LaGuardia Airport's Terminal B is an important demonstration of the commitment the Port Authority shares with its private partners to reach net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. Across our agency's operations we are taking tangible steps toward reducing our carbon footprint, including the electrification of our vehicle fleets, development of solar power at our facilities, the use of clean construction strategies, and the operation of green buildings."

Kevin O'Toole, Port Authority Chairman, said: "The LEED Gold certification at LaGuardia Terminal B and recently at Newark-Liberty Airport's Terminal A exemplifies the Port Authority's commitment to building for a sustainable future. Our focus on building world-class airports also recognizes the opportunity to reduce our carbon footprint with new LEED Gold facilities."

Jane Garvey, Global Chairman Meridiam and Chairman of the Board of Directors of LaGuardia Gateway Partners, said: "LaGuardia Terminal B achieving LEED Gold certification for operations & maintenance underscores our unwavering commitment to sustainability and represents a significant step forward in our mission to create a world-class airport experience for travelers while minimizing our environmental footprint. This accomplishment stands as a testament to the collaborative efforts of all involved, and we are proud to have played a leading role in shaping a sustainable gateway to New York City."

Stewart Steeves, Chief Operating Officer of Vantage Airport Group and member of the Board of Directors of LaGuardia Gateway Partners, said: "We are proud of this important achievement and are committed to continuing to drive positive environmental change at Terminal B. Congratulations to the entire Terminal B team on earning LEED Gold certification for operations & maintenance. We are thrilled to share this milestone with our partners, travelers and New Yorkers."

Suzette Noble, Chief Executive Officer of LaGuardia Gateway Partners, said: "LaGuardia Gateway Partners prioritized sustainability throughout the redevelopment project by building Terminal B to be as energy-efficient as possible. As the operators of Terminal B, we continue to look for ways to reduce our carbon footprint. I'm thrilled that we've been recognized again by the U.S. Green Buildings Council with LEED Gold certification for operations & maintenance. We're grateful for our partners at the Port Authority, Vantage Airport Group, and Meridiam for their collaboration in making this possible."

Peter Templeton, President and CEO, U.S. Green Buildings Council, said: "LaGuardia Terminal B's LEED certification demonstrates tremendous green building leadership. LEED was created to make the world a

better place and revolutionize our buildings and communities by providing everyone with access to healthy, green and high-performing buildings. LaGuardia Terminal B is a prime example of how the innovative work of project teams can create local solutions that contribute to making a global difference.”

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About LaGuardia Gateway Partners

LaGuardia Gateway Partners (LGP) is the private manager and developer of the new award-winning, state-of-the-art LaGuardia Terminal B. LGP is composed of Vantage Airport Group, Meridiam, and JLC Infrastructure for development and equity investment with Vantage Airport Group leading the terminal management.

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey is undertaking a historic redevelopment of LaGuardia Airport, of which Terminal B is one part. LGP won the bid issued by the Port Authority to deliver the extensive capital redevelopment project of Terminal B and provide world-class terminal facilities and operations for passengers and airlines.

In 2022, the \$5.1B Terminal B project – a public-private partnership – finished on time and on budget. In 2023, LaGuardia Terminal B became the first airport terminal in North America to be awarded a perfect 5-star rating for customer experience by Skytrax. LaGuardia Terminal B is home to Air Canada, American Airlines, Frontier Airlines, JetBlue Airways, Southwest Airlines, and United Airlines.

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