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**DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL SERVICES ACCEPTS BUILDINGS MAGAZINE MERIT
AWARD FOR LEED® GOLD PROJECT**

OKLAHOMA CITY - The Department of Central Services (DCS) announced today the acceptance of the Merit Award in the category of Green Facilities from *Buildings* magazine's 2010 *Project Innovations Awards* for the renovation of the Department of Human Services (DHS) building, located at 50 N.E. 23rd St. in Oklahoma City.

The 2010 *Project Innovations Awards* included commercial and institutional facilities across the U.S. in three categories: Green Facilities, Modernization, and New Construction. The Grand Prize in the Green Facilities category was awarded to Hobbs Brook Management, LLC for renovation of a Boston office building.

"We are very proud that DCS Office of Facilities Management's (OFM's) work competes alongside the work of private sector management companies," said John Richard, Director of DCS. Richard went on to say, "Through the success of this renovation project, DCS is able to set a precedent for our vision of operational efficiency and environmental responsibility in state buildings."

The project began as a mechanical system upgrade, but soon blossomed into a whole-building upgrade with much consideration given to sustainable construction and building features. Agency leadership and building tenants were eager to support the goal of pursuing LEED Gold certification from the US Green Building Council (USGBC). The USGBC certification marked the first LEED Gold-certified building in Oklahoma City and only the seventh in the entire state.

"Innovative strategies, cutting-edge technologies, and personnel dedicated to improving the way we operate are the life-blood of our sustainability program," Richard said. "The national recognition of DCS' natural resource stewardship, as well as a microscopic energy bill, reinforces our commitment to this program."

The completed project features a state of the art Building Management System (BMS), geothermal heating/cooling, 10-kW wind turbine, 60-kW of photo-voltaic (PV) solar panels, triple-pane, low-emissive windows, highly-reflective roofing, low-consumption toilets and faucets, waterless urinals, and energy-efficient lighting with light harvesting capabilities.

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