

Toyota earns 29th LEED Certification

Toyota's Kansas City Regional Technical Training Centre received LEED Gold certification.

Toyota, home of the best-selling hybrid Toyota Prius, is also the proud home of 29 **LEED green building** certifications. The Kansas City Regional Technical Training Center in Kansas City, Missouri recently received a LEED Gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. The automaker leads the industry with 11 LEED certified Toyota/Lexus facilities and 18 Toyota/Lexus dealerships.

Green building features used in the training center include:

- 100 percent of the facility's energy use is offset by investments in certified renewable energy development
- 100 percent of the facility's installed wood products are Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified
- Rain gardens and swales treat all of the parking lot and roof storm water runoff
- 953 tons of construction waste (99 percent of the waste generated) was diverted from area landfills
- Efficient plumbing fixtures reduce facility water consumption by 66 percent, which represents a savings of 49,800 gallons of water annually

Doug Beebe, TMS corporate manager of administrative services, comments on Toyota's commitment to green building. "At Toyota, we are committed to reducing environmental impacts throughout our operations. LEED provides a framework for us to demonstrate that doing what is environmentally responsible can also be financially responsible." Source: Toyota

Toyota's LEED certified journey began in 2003 with the LEED Gold certified Toyota Motor Sales South Campus in Torrance, California. In 2006, Pat Lobb Toyota of McKinney in Texas earned a LEED Silver certification, making it the first LEED certified automotive dealership in the nation.

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