

PRESSRELEASE

Peckham & Wright Architects, Inc. · 15 South Tenth Street · Columbia, MO 675201 · (573) 449-2683 · Fax: (573) 442-6213

For Immediate Release

Date: April 14, 2010
Contact: Dawn L. Andres
Phone: (573) 449-2683
Fax: (573) 442-6213

Eco School House Receives LEED Gold Certification

Peckham & Wright Architects, Inc. (PWA) has received notification from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) that the Eco School House at Grant Elementary School in Columbia received a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold rating. This is the first LEED certified elementary school in Columbia.

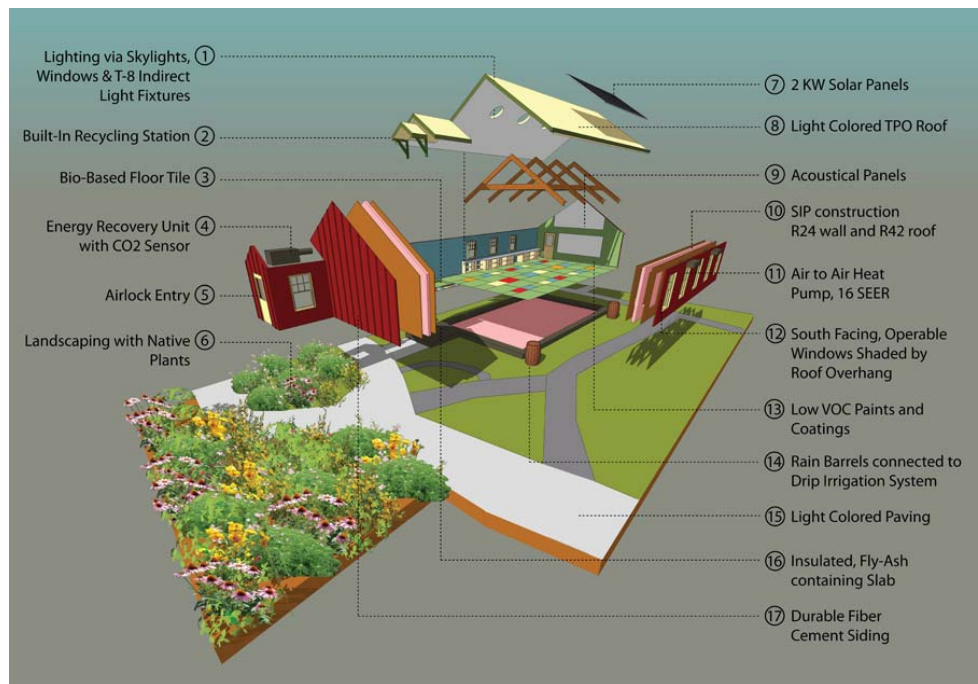
A documentary film has been made about the Eco School House.

Information about the film is available online at <http://www.ecoschoolhouse.com/>.

The project has received design awards including:

- 2010 Honor Award for Design Excellence, AIA Mid-Missouri Design Awards
- 1st Place at the 2009 Missouri Literary Festival Sustainable Design Exhibition & Awards. Awards co-sponsored by the Missouri Literary Festival, US Green Building Council – Missouri Heartland Chapter and MU Extension
- 2009 First Annual Inspiration Awards, Honorable Mention. This was a national competition sponsored by Contract Magazine to recognize social responsibility in commercial interior architecture where design is used to improve the quality of life for those in need and cause-related work by the commercial interiors community.
- 2009 Green Building of America Award. Award recognizes the project as one of the top 50 sustainable projects in the Midwest region. Award sponsored by Construction Communications, publisher of Real Estate and Construction Review.

A display of the project can also be seen in the PWA lobby at 15 S. Tenth Street, Columbia, Missouri. More information about the project is available on the firm's website at <http://www.pwarchitects.com/EcoSchoolhouse.htm>.



The above rendering reveals many of the sustainable design features of the award-winning Eco School House.

"Our children will benefit from this building now but also learn how to use our earth's resources wisely. Eventually, these children will be the leaders of our community and will continue this effort as adults."

**- Dr. Beverly Borduin, Principal
Grant Elementary School, Columbia, Missouri**