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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****CAPELLA TOWER AWARDED LEED GOLD CERTIFICATION**

**MINNEAPOLIS — April 20, 2011** — The Capella Tower in downtown Minneapolis was recently certified LEED® Gold from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). It is the largest multi-tenant office building to achieve LEED Gold certification in Minnesota. LEED is the USGBC's rating system that provides building owners and operators a framework for identifying and implementing green building design, construction, operations and maintenance solutions. The system targets strategies that improve performance in key areas such as: energy savings, water efficiency, indoor environmental quality, and stewardship of resources.

In December 2009, the 1.6 million square foot, 54-story building began pursuing certification under the LEED® for Existing Buildings: Operations and Maintenance (EBOM) rating system. During this time, Sebesta Blomberg partnered with Property Manger, Ryan Companies US, Inc., to integrate sustainable practices into their facility and to realize the benefits of sustainable practices they had already adopted. LEED points and savings were achieved through a LED light fixture retrofit and water fixture upgrades that combined resulted in an estimated annual savings of \$33,000. Additionally, the building developed and implemented a high performance cleaning program which reduced the exposure of occupants to harmful chemical, biological and particulate contaminants. Throughout the property, 29% of the equipment and 42% of the cleaning chemicals used are green. The certification is the result of collaboration between Sebesta Blomberg and Ryan Companies to maximize the building's operational efficiency and minimized its environmental impact.

Sebesta Blomberg provided LEED facilitation and energy audit services in the pursuit of certification under the LEED-EBOM rating system.

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