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### **NASA SHARED SERVICES CENTER AWARDED LEADERSHIP IN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (LEED) SILVER CERTIFICATION**

STENNIS SPACE CENTER, Miss. - The NASA Shared Services Center (NSSC), located near Bay St. Louis, Miss., was recently awarded the LEED Silver Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), a goal that the center has been working to achieve for more than two years.

LEED, an internationally recognized green building certification system, provides third-party verification of the use of best practices in energy savings, water efficiency, CO2 emissions reduction and indoor environmental quality. To qualify for LEED Certification, projects must demonstrate resource stewardship and sensitivity to impacts during the design and building process.

The NSSC, a unique partnership between NASA and CSC, performs selected business activities for all ten NASA centers in financial management, human resources, information technology, and procurement. The facility is located on the grounds of the Stennis Space Center in an energy efficient, flexible, multi-story building. The structure, funded by Mississippi appropriations signed into law by Governor Haley Barbour, employs an efficient mechanical, data and communications layout.

According to USGBC, NASA is one of 14 federal agencies or departments who have instituted LEED initiatives. Current NASA Policy states that new construction and major renovations must meet LEED Silver Certification and strive for LEED Gold Certification.

For information about the NASA Shared Services Center, visit:

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