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Rooftop solar panels on the Tulsa City-County Library's downtown library. (Courtesy photo)

TULSA – The U.S. Green Building Council has approved a LEED Gold certification for the Tulsa City-County Library's downtown library.

Central Library is only the 35th building in Oklahoma to receive LEED Gold status and is the first downtown Tulsa location to receive the designation.

LEED, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is an internationally recognized certification process for sustainable buildings, developed by the U.S. Green Building Council.

"Sustainability and environmental friendliness were identified early on as priorities for this project," said Kimberly Johnson, TCCL CEO. "Tulsa County residents conveyed that these items were of the utmost importance for a 21st-century library during many of our

community listening sessions. It is also another way to demonstrate our commitment to ensuring tax dollars are spent wisely."

Central Library Renewed was a three-year, \$55 million project where the 50-year-old library was gutted to the original architectural bones and redesigned. During the construction project, nearly 98 percent of the construction waste generated on the site was diverted from landfills. The waste was sorted locally and sent to facilities for recycling, reuse and repurposing. And almost 11 percent of the building materials content was manufactured using recycled materials.

Among other features contributing to the Gold LEED rating, the Green Building Council recognized the library's use of rooftop solar panels, high-efficiency lighting, the chilled beam heating and air conditioning system, high-efficiency boilers and chillers and rainwater collection system.

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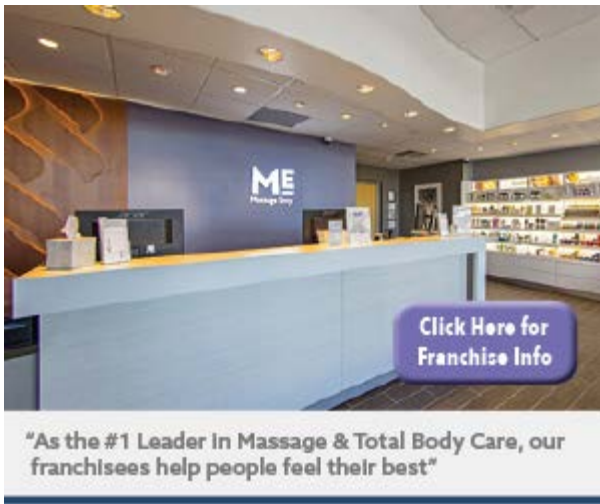
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