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## **FHLB Des Moines Awarded LEED Green Building Certification and WELL Health-Safety Rating**

**(DES MOINES, Iowa) December 13, 2024** – Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines (FHLB Des Moines), located at 909 Locust, is pleased to announce that it has been awarded LEED Silver certification. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), is the most widely used green building rating system in the world. FHLB Des Moines achieved LEED certification for implementing practical and measurable strategies and solutions in areas including sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality.

Recently, FHLB Des Moines also received the WELL Health-Safety Rating from the International WELL Building Institute (IWBI). The rating helps buildings and organizations address the health, safety and well-being of their tenants. High standards must be met in cleaning procedures, emergency preparedness, health services resources, air and water quality, and communication.

"The LEED Certification and the WELL Health-Safety Rating demonstrate how FHLB Des Moines is going above and beyond to ensure our building is operating to the highest level of sustainability," says John Schwechel, FHLB Des Moines facilities director. "This investment shows our commitment to our employees and the other tenants in the building by providing a safe and healthy environment."

"LEED certification is the ultimate recognition of global green building leadership, signaling that a space has undergone rigorous third-party verification and meets the highest green building standards," said Peter Templeton, president and CEO, USGBC. "The success of LEED is due to the partnership and support of those committed to advancing green building and sustainability. Each new LEED certification brings us one step closer to revolutionizing the spaces where we live, learn, work and play."

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### **About FHLB Des Moines**

*The Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines is committed to strengthening communities, serving 13 states and three U.S. Pacific territories as a member-owned cooperative. FHLB Des Moines provides funding solutions and liquidity to more than 1,200 financial institutions across its district to support mortgage lending, economic development and affordable housing in the communities served by its member financial institutions. FHLB Des Moines is one of 11 regional Banks that make up the Federal Home Loan Bank System. Members include community and commercial banks, credit unions, insurance companies, thrifts and*

*community development financial institutions. FHLB Des Moines is wholly owned by its members and receives no taxpayer funding.*

**About the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)**

*The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) is committed to transforming how buildings and communities are designed, built and operated to create thriving, healthy, equitable and resilient places that advance human and environmental wellbeing. USGBC leads market transformation through its LEED green building program, robust educational offerings, an international network of local community leaders, the annual Greenbuild International Conference & Expo, the Center for Green Schools, and advocacy in support of public policy that encourages and enables green buildings and communities. For more information, visit [usgbc.org](http://usgbc.org).*

**About International WELL Being Institute**

*The International WELL Building Institute (IWBI) is a public benefit corporation on a mission to transform health and well-being in buildings, organizations and communities around the world. In 2014, IWBI launched the WELL Building Standard (WELL), the leading tool for advancing health and well-being in buildings, communities and organizations, globally.*

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