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**INL's LEED Platinum research laboratory wins national award**

IDAHO FALLS — Idaho National Laboratory's newest research facility was selected as the Best Green Project in the nation for 2014 by the flagship construction magazine Engineering News-Record.

The Energy Innovation Laboratory was chosen as the national winner for exceptional sustainable design and construction among the 10 top regional best green projects in ENR Magazine's annual competition.

The gateway to INL's Research and Education Campus in Idaho Falls, EIL has now received regional, national and international acclaim for sustainable design and construction.

As a U.S. Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum facility, the EIL consolidates research and development to enable innovative solutions for national energy challenges, advanced clean energy and related environmental projects.

"The outstanding success of this project is due to the expertise of the project team led by Reed Miller of Ormond Builders and Kath Williams, the LEED coordinator," said Todd Allen, INL Science and Technology deputy lab director. "The team's collaboration with INL's Project Management Office, Supply Chain Management and Campus Development Office produced a nationally recognized facility."

In its "Best of the Best" announcement, ENR Magazine noted that the selection of the best projects nationwide was "the culmination of a seven-month effort put forth by dozens of industry judges and the ENR editorial team to identify the pinnacle of design and construction achievement in the U.S. among projects completed between June 2013 and June 2014." ENR's competition involved 700 projects designed and constructed in the U.S.

"Once the regional winners were chosen, the top winners in each category from each region moved up to the national competition," the magazine noted. "A brand new set of judges from across the country and from all walks of the industry examined each project in an effort to distinguish the best from the best in terms of teamwork, safety, overcoming challenges, innovation and quality."

Completed in late 2013, the 148,000-square-foot EIL has earned the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Platinum certification. Worldwide, fewer than 5 percent of research labs in the LEED registry are Platinum-certified.

The ENR Best Green Project national award honors the efforts of many individuals and organizations – including Ormond Builders, Inc., Plan One/Architects, Engineering System Solutions, INL as the tenant plus other firms – over the course of several years.

"Every person on that team participated – made corrections as necessary – and was committed, and trusted each other to build this modern, efficient research space for INL's missions," said Randy Bargelt, INL Project Management Office director.

The entire project team – from architects to project managers to hundreds of workers who built the EIL – overcame challenges and difficulties to construct the research facility to the highest international green standards, said John Baker, INL Project Management Office director of planning, estimating and scheduling. "In the design and construction arena, this is a huge honor," Baker said, "and we are humbled to be chosen from among outstanding projects throughout America."

INL is one of the DOE's national laboratories. The laboratory performs work in each of the strategic goal areas of DOE: energy, national security, science and environment. INL is the nation's leading center for nuclear energy research and development. Day-to-day management and operation of the laboratory is the responsibility of Battelle Energy Alliance.

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