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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Ross & Baruzzini Achieves LEED Gold Design on Washington University Campus**

Saint Louis, MO – November 11, 2010 – Ross & Baruzzini, a globally recognized engineering and technology planning, design and consulting firm, is pleased to announce the achievement of LEED Gold certification for a new sustainable student housing facility located on the South 40 campus at Washington University in St. Louis. The firm provided full mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire protection engineering services to complete the project.

The new buildings, which house 606 students and include large conference and lounge spaces, a retail shop, a fitness center, and food service facilities for the 3,000 residents on the South 40 campus, contain numerous sustainable design features. Such features include total enthalpy heat recovery in the ventilation and exhaust systems, demand-based ventilation controls, using occupancy sensors and carbon-dioxide sensors, low-flow kitchen grease hoods, occupancy sensor setback of lighting and HVAC setpoints, extensive utility metering to facilitate energy saving competitions among groups of students, low-flow plumbing fixtures, and a green roof.

This highly sustainable student housing complex project is the end result of a truly collaborative effort between the University, students, architect, engineers, and contractors, all working together to ensure this facility embraced the ideals of energy conservation and environmental stewardship. Mackey Mitchell Associates served as the architect for the project.

The new housing facility is one of many successful projects engineered by Ross & Baruzzini on the Washington University campus. Since 1985, Ross & Baruzzini has completed over 35 projects for the Danforth campus with a construction cost of over \$50 million. Ross & Baruzzini has also provided engineering and special systems design and consulting for numerous projects at the University's medical campus.

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