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This letter is to affirm that in addition to the its commitment to applying LEED principles in the design and construction of its permanent structures, Richland makes an effort to apply these principles in its short-term building needs as well. Richland recently had to replace a modular classroom structure that sustained damage from an undetected roof leak that rendered it un-repairable. In close cooperation with a modular building company with demonstrated sustainable construction practices, an identical floor plan 56' X 72' structure with four independent classrooms was designed in the last half of 2009, constructed and placed in service in early 2010.

Many of the features of the LEED Silver Certification requirements were incorporated in the new building, including recycled carpet, a white reflective roof, low VOC finishes, a stucco exterior, enhanced insulation value, high efficient lights, four independent high efficiency HVAC units and new generation Solotube skylights. Placement and light levels from these skylights provide illumination to the point that the overhead lights are turned off for much of the day reducing electrical use and heat gain.

Enrollment demanded that we place the new classroom building in service prior to engaging a commissioning agent, which precluded our pursuing the LEED Silver certification. Classrooms in this new modular building are in high demand by instructors because of the comfortable, bright and quiet environment.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Hueston'.

Eddie Hueston  
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