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SUBJECT: Johnson Controls seeks Green Tier status

GLENDALE, Wis. -- The Department of Natural Resources is seeking public comment on an application by Johnson Controls, Inc., for its Global Headquarters at 5757 N. Green Bay Avenue, Glendale, to be accepted into Wisconsin's innovative Green Tier program.

Green Tier encourages businesses to move beyond regulatory compliance in order to promote superior environmental performance. Participation in this program is strictly voluntary. Johnson Controls World Headquarters' application is for Tier 1 of the program, which is designed to encourage new goal setting and innovation. To be accepted into the program an applicant must have a good environmental record, commit to superior environmental performance, and implement an Environmental Management System.

Johnson Controls provides innovative automotive interiors, batteries for automobiles and hybrid electric vehicles, and products and services that optimize building energy use and improve comfort and security. The company's commitment to the environment and more broadly, to sustainability, is captured in their vision statement and five core values. Sustainability, defined as "the efficient use of resources to benefit all people of the world," is one of the values. Johnson Controls, the largest revenue – generating business in Wisconsin, has been consistently recognized globally for its leadership in sustainability. The company, included in the Dow Jones US and World Sustainability Index, the Domini 400 Social Index, and the FTSE4 Good US Index, participates in the Clinton Climate Initiative, which strives to reduce greenhouse gases in 40 major cities worldwide.

Johnson Controls' new Glendale facility is targeted to become the first multi-building LEED platinum-certified campus in the world. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is a Green Building rating system that seeks to minimize the environmental impact of a building; platinum is the highest possible rating. Meeting LEED platinum standards has lowered building operating costs, reduced demolition and construction waste placed in landfills by more than 75% and 89%, respectively, conserved energy and water, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions. As a Green Tier participant, the company has replaced almost three acres of asphalt pavement with porous pavement, and are recapturing site stormwater for use in flushing toilets. The company has also installed Wisconsin's largest solar array, which can generate almost 400,000 kilowatts of electricity and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 1.1 million pounds per year. Over 13 acres of native prairie have also have been restored on the site including the implementation of 6 rain gardens to cleanse storm water runoff before it reaches the open water on site.

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The Department of Natural Resources is accepting written comments on this application until November 9, 2009. Public participation is highly valued because community enhancement and open communication are important facets of Green Tier. Additional information about Johnson Controls' Green Tier application can be located at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cea/environmental/participants/johnsoncontrols/> or by calling Tom Eggert at (608) 267-2761. Comments can be sent directly to Tom Eggert at thomas.eggert@wisconsin.gov.

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