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JULY 2, 2007 -- Developers often try to set their projects apart by touting their green features -- energy efficiency, water reuse and so forth. But the team behind Independence Station, a \$15 million mixed-use development in downtown Independence, Ore., have taken green marketing to a new high. The 57,000-square-foot development will be the "single highest-scoring LEED-rated building in the world" (*italics added*) according to a press release about the project.

LEED is the U.S. Green Building Council's system for rating sustainably designed buildings and stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. Independence Station, by Aldeia Development, will use only renewable sources of energy, primarily solar power and biofuels, according to its Declaration of Energy Independence. On completion in 2008, Independence Station is expected to achieve the highest LEED certification level with 64 of 66 points available.