

PRESS RELEASE

# Uponor Annex achieves LEED® Gold certification

**90,000-square-foot facility supports lean manufacturing operations for the company's PEX production**

APPLE VALLEY, Minn., Nov. 1, 2017 — Uponor, Inc. and PCL Construction are pleased to announce that the North American Uponor Headquarters Annex manufacturing facility has achieved Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®), Gold certification, through the United States Green Building Council Minnesota (USGBC). The new 90,000-square-foot building supports the lean manufacturing operations for Uponor's PEX plumbing, fire safety, radiant heating and cooling, hydronic piping, and pre-insulated piping systems.



**The Uponor Annex in Apple Valley, Minn., features sustainable design and construction practices, such as a solar array, a white roof, and rainwater collection.**

To receive LEED certification, project teams must follow strict guidelines across a wide variety of sustainable design and construction practices. During the design-to-construction process, PCL and Uponor focused on incorporating sustainability aspects into site development, water efficiency, energy efficiency, materials, and indoor environmental quality for the occupants.

Sustainable elements of the completed building include the installation of a solar array, use of a white roof system designed to reduce heat absorption and cooling



requirements, all LED lighting, low-flow water fixtures, environmentally integrated landscaping, and a high-efficiency irrigation system that utilizes collected rainwater when available. Collected rainwater is also filtered and used for plumbing fixture flushing. These efforts, in addition to other water-management techniques, combined to achieve 56 percent reduction in water usage and 25 percent reduction in energy usage compared to similar buildings using more conventional fixtures and technologies.

“The end-to-end process of designing and constructing a building to achieve LEED standards and certification requires a LEED-knowledgeable team and a joint effort and commitment throughout the project,” says [Dan Hughes](#), director, Real Estate and EHS, Uponor North America. “PCL Construction was an ideal partner for this project and its LEED-certification goal. They delivered an excellent finished product that allowed Uponor to achieve LEED Gold certification.”

This is the fifth major expansion PCL has completed for Uponor. Currently, PCL is working on a 58,000-square-foot addition to this recently completed Annex project. That addition, which is being constructed to the same LEED Gold standards, is expected to complete in December 2017.

**For the special press page, which includes high-resolution images, please visit:**

<http://uponor.oreilly-depalma.com/2017/annex-achieves-leed-gold.shtml>.

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### **About Uponor**

**Uponor, Inc.** is an award-winning provider of plumbing, fire safety, radiant heating/cooling, hydronic piping and pre-insulated piping systems for residential and commercial applications. In 2016, Uponor partnered with Belkin International to form [Phyn](#), a new intelligent water company to revolutionize the way consumers interact with water and help solve major challenges facing the global water supply. Recognized for best-in-class manufacturing, sustainability, energy efficiency, safety, business growth, economic development, workplace giving and a top workplace, Uponor employs more than 3,900 worldwide.

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