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BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE JOHN J. SBREGA HEALTH AND SCIENCE BUILDING AWARDED TOP TEN PROJECT BY AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Bristol Community College is proud to announce the John J. Sbrega Health and Science Building (J-Building), on the BCC Fall River Campus, was named a Top Ten Project by the American Institute of Architects Committee on the Environment (AIA COTE).

The annual awards are the profession's longest-running and best-known recognition program for sustainable design excellence. Each year, 10 innovative projects earn the prize for setting the standard in design and sustainability. As the first building of its kind in the Northeast, the LEED* Platinum rated Sbrega Building accommodates energy-intensive health and science instructional spaces in a zero-net energy** building.

The building, designed by Sasaki Associates, features a campus-scale photovoltaic system which allows the building to use less than 20 percent of photovoltaic (conversion of light to electricity) production, along with an air source-ground source heating and cooling system, which allows the building to move away from fossil fuel usage. Other sustainable building elements include solar hot water production, efficient LED lighting, and filtered ductless fume hoods, which allow the building to utilize recirculated and reheated air.

“The true success found in the design of the Sbrega Building and this award relates to the engagement and participation of the full campus community in extending Bristol's vision of a sustainable campus. This project was not just about a new building, but rather about how a building can help represent and champion the culture of an institution that has made sustainability a top priority” said Sasaki principal Fiske Crowell, FAIA, LEED AP.

The 46,000+ square foot Sbrega Building is the College's first new building since 2001. The new building boasts the latest and most advanced technological resources available to educate BCC's students in the high-demand fields of nursing, dental hygiene, and life sciences.

For more information about the 2017 American Institute of Architects Committee on the Environment (AIA COTE) Top Ten, please visit <https://www.aia.org/resources/73026-2017-cote-top-ten-?tab=library&tools=true> or <http://www.sasaki.com/blog/view/939/>.

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*LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. The LEED, green-building certification program rates building projects on their building strategies and practices using a point system to earn a rating. Platinum is the highest possible rating that can be achieved through LEED certification.

**A zero-net energy building produces enough renewable energy in the course of a year to meet the total amount of energy consumed by the building.

***About Bristol Community College** Bristol Community College is a leading resource for education and workforce development in Southeastern Massachusetts. BCC has locations in Fall River, Attleboro, New Bedford, and Taunton, along with flexible online offerings that lead to an associate degree, a career-ready certificate, or the ability to seamlessly transfer to baccalaureate colleges throughout the state and country. The College's Center for Workforce and Community Education provides customized training for businesses and the community including healthcare, workforce and sustainable initiatives, corporate services, and Kids College. The BCC Foundation, a non-profit organization utilizing community donations and partnerships, supports the College's mission to meet the lifelong educational needs of the community. For more information, visit <http://www.bristolcc.edu/aboutbcc/>*