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## **Office park seeks prestigious LEED Platinum certification Local developers tout 'green' building**

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Local developers Sue McFaddin and Dave Sitzman, co-owners of Seven Generations LLC, want to set the record straight in the sustainable "green" building world.

"It is not true to say it costs a lot more to build an energy-efficient building, and we are proving it," said Sitzman, whose \$10 million office complex will end up at about 5 percent the price of a traditional, nongreen buildings.

Seven Generations Office Park, 3222 Eastbrook Drive, near the corner of Horsetooth and Timberline roads, is on the verge of receiving platinum certification - the highest level awarded - from the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program.

Ground was broken in March and should be ready for occupancy in the fall.

"Ten 17-foot high ceilings, temperature control, fresh air circulating through the building and a focus on health are features our building will contain, making it a great place to work," said Sitzman, president of Sitzman-Mitchell and Co.

The economics of energy and water efficiency equate to lower maintenance costs over time, Sitzman said.

McFaddin encouraged Seven Generations to pursue the green building design. "We assembled a team and were fortunate that they had the expertise to lead us to Platinum certification," McFaddin said.

The team included Dohn Construction, general contractors; Beaudin-Ganze Consulting Engineers Inc.; and CSU Institute for the Built Environment (construction management green building leaders).

Workspaces are designed with flexibility, including underfloor data, phone, plug-and-play electrical and air for easy-to-customize office spaces.

"Each cubicle will have its own heating and cooling system, and employees who are reassigned to new cubicles in the building will easily be able to move their workstations, down to the carpet squares without calling an electrician to rewire everything," McFaddin said.

Compliance Partners, an environmental engineering will be the first tenant.

"It is an ideal building for architects, engineers and other professional businesses," Sitzman said.

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