

- **JOHNSON DERMATOLOGY CLINIC**  
Earns EPA's ENERGY STAR® Certification for Superior Energy Efficiency

January 8, 2014, Fort Smith, Arkansas, Johnson Dermatology Clinic designed by MAHG Architecture, Inc., has earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) ENERGY STAR certification, which signifies that the building performs in the top 25 percent of similar facilities nationwide for energy efficiency and meets strict energy efficiency performance levels set by the EPA.

"Johnson Dermatology Clinic is pleased to accept EPA's ENERGY STAR certification in recognition of their energy efficiency efforts," said Michael Lejong, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, principal at MAHG Architecture, Inc. in Fort Smith.

Commercial buildings that earn EPA's ENERGY STAR certification use an average of 35 percent less energy than typical buildings and also release 35 percent less carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Johnson Dermatology improved its energy performance by managing energy strategically across the entire organization and by making cost-effective investments for their building. Johnson Dermatology has prevented greenhouse gas emissions equal to the electricity use from nearly 5 households for a year.

"Improving the energy efficiency of our nation's buildings is critical to protecting our environment," said Jean Lupinacci, Chief of the ENERGY STAR Commercial & Industrial Branch. "From the boiler room to the board room, organizations are leading the way by making their buildings more efficient and earning EPA's ENERGY STAR certification."

EPA's ENERGY STAR energy performance scale helps organizations assess how efficiently their buildings use energy relative to similar buildings nationwide. A building that scores a 75 or higher on EPA's 1-100 scale may be eligible for ENERGY STAR certification. Johnson Dermatology Clinic received a score of 79. Commercial buildings that can earn the ENERGY STAR include offices, bank branches, data centers, financial centers, retail stores, courthouses, hospitals, hotels, K-12 schools, medical offices, supermarkets, dormitories, houses of worship, and warehouses.

ENERGY STAR was introduced by EPA in 1992 as a voluntary, market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency. Today, the ENERGY STAR label can be found on more than 65 different kinds of products, 1.4 million new homes, and 20,000 commercial buildings and industrial plants that meet strict energy-efficiency specifications set by the EPA. Over the past twenty years, American families and businesses have saved more than \$230 billion on utility bills and prevented more than 1.8 billion metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions with help from ENERGY STAR.

For more information about ENERGY STAR Certification for Commercial Buildings:  
<http://www.energystar.gov/labeledbuildings/>

For more information about Johnson Dermatology Clinic:  
<http://www.johnsondermatology.com/>

For more information about MAHG Architecture, Inc.:  
<http://www.mahgarch.com/>

