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### **Delta Institute Helps High Rise Earn Chicago's First Multifamily LEED EB Certification**

CHICAGO – The U.S. Green Building Council recently announced that One East Delaware, a 306 unit residential high rise located in Chicago's Gold Coast neighborhood, has become the first Chicago apartment property to earn multifamily LEED EB Silver Certification. It is the third largest community in the U.S. to earn this certification.

The LEED for Existing Buildings Rating System helps building owners and operators measure operations, improvements and maintenance on a consistent scale, with the goal of maximizing operational efficiency while minimizing environmental impacts. Buildings that achieve LEED EB certification must address whole-building cleaning and maintenance issues, recycling programs, exterior maintenance programs, and systems upgrades.

To help achieve this goal, Waterton brought in Chicago-based sustainability experts Delta Institute and its partners, Enviser and Green Advisors.

"We are thrilled to have helped achieve LEED Existing Building Certification for One East Delaware," said Abby Corso, Senior Director of Sustainability Services at Delta Institute. "We hope that our efforts will be an example of a way forward for other large-scale multifamily residences seeking LEED EB certification as a way to reduce their environmental impacts and build more sustainable environments for their residents."

The Delta team helped update the building's operations and maintenance standards by improving energy and water efficiency and indoor environmental quality, ensuring sustainable purchasing options, innovating operations, and implementing green cleaning practices. As a result of the team's efforts, One East Delaware expects to see significantly reduced operating costs, reduced environmental impact of building operations, and a cleaner, greener environment for its residents.

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