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SUMMARY: CHICAGO'S MAYOR DALEY SAYS ALL NEW PUBLIC BUILDINGS TO BE LEED™ CERTIFIED; CITY STRIVES TO BE THE "GREENEST" IN THE UNITED STATES

CHICAGO, IL — Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley announced at the American Institute of Architects' national convention at McCormick Place that all of the city's new public buildings will be designed to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED™) Green Building Rating System™ standards.

"We are excited that Chicago, as a center of modern architecture and a major urban hub, also represents an in-practice example that greening strategies do work. We look forward to more cities following their leadership," said Rick Fedrizzi, President and CEO, U.S. Green Building Council.

Franklin Park-based Sloan Valve Company also applauds Chicago's commitment to sustainable design of public buildings. "It's appropriate that Chicago be the first major city to openly state that their goal for all new public buildings to be LEED certified as environmentally friendly. Having been founded in 1906 in Chicago, this area has been Sloan Valve Company's home for almost a century and Sloan is the world's leading manufacturer of water-conserving plumbing systems," said Jim Allen, Water Conservation Manager for Sloan Valve Company. "Mayor Daley has always been a cutting-edge leader and he is establishing a lasting legacy — not only for the next generation in the city and state — but for the world."

Allen explained that Sloan's commitment to water conservation and to developing new solutions to help architects, engineers, contractors and building owners achieve their conservation goals is rooted in almost a century of developing innovative plumbing systems. "The demand for 'green products' is high because water conservation is a big concern for everyone. People want to save water and building owners know that based on the amount of water saved, a higher LEED™ rating can be achieved, which increases the prestige of their property — and decreases operating costs. The return on an investment is much quicker when you minimize water and sewer bills."

The LEED Green Building Rating System has become the preeminent U.S. standard for measuring a building's sustainability. Project teams (owners, developers, architects, engineers and contractors) use the LEED rating system as a tool to help determine green project goals, identify green design strategies, measure and monitor progress, and document success.

Sloan Valve Company is the world's leading manufacturer of water-conserving plumbing systems and has been in operation since 1906. Headquartered in Franklin Park, Illinois, the company manufactures plumbing systems for commercial, industrial, and institutional markets worldwide.

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