

## CBRE Victor Building Receives LEED Gold

**Overview/Purpose:** The Victor Building (799 9<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Washington DC) owned by C.B. Richard Ellis Inc. (CBRE) earned LEED Gold certification for Commercial Interiors on October 7, 2008. It was the first CBRE building in the nation to receive this ranking.

**Challenge:** The Victor Building was faced with the challenge of significantly lowering its carbon footprint while reducing costs associated with energy use. They needed a plan which would simultaneously achieve these goals.



**The Victor Building, 750 9<sup>th</sup> St. NW**



**Wind Power generates electricity for the Victor Building**

**Solution:** CBRE decided to use the LEED standard for Commercial Interiors to motivate greater sustainability measures and generate tangible results from their work. In response to the LEED certification criteria, CBRE now sources 100% of its energy from wind power. Also, the Victor Building roof has been partially converted from ballast river rock to a non-irrigated plant area surrounded by white, decorative stone which provides an insulating and cooling effect. In the next lease, CBRE accounted for the energy savings and improvements achieved through LEED certification resulting in significant financial savings.

**Results:**

- Achieved 39 out of 52 points in LEED's assessment
- 100 % powered by renewable energy (First of CBRE buildings!)
- Completed successful garden roof project

*"What is exciting about this project is that CBRE took what would normally be a traditional space and transformed it into a LEED Gold CI space, demonstrating to ourselves, our clients and others in our market that a) it can be done, b) we've done it, c) it will produce desired results," said Sally Wilson, Global Director of Environmental Strategy for CBRE.*