

# Big River Engineering and Manufacturing Facility Receives LEED Silver Certification

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A former vacant warehouse once owned by the City of Memphis has been transformed into a state-of-the-art, green facility to house Big River Engineering and Manufacturing (BREM). This is the second building in Memphis to become LEED Silver certified and the third in Shelby County, according to the Memphis Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council. The project was designed by Askew Nixon Ferguson Architects, and Montgomery Martin Contractors completed construction in early Fall 2009.

The project consisted of the demolition of the interior walls, ceilings, windows, mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems and existing roofing. The building's interior includes a 6,500 square foot manufacturing area, and 2,000 square feet of office space including specific rooms for engineering, wet finishing, dry finishing, and product assembly. Ten large skylights were installed in the roof to allow natural light to illuminate the building.

BREM also received a \$10,000 award from Memphis Light Gas & Water as part of their Incentive Grant Program.