

# Continental Training Center LEED Silver Certified



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Continental Training Center in Clinton recently received all fifty points for the LEED Silver accreditation. The 23,000 square-foot facility has features that promote energy efficiency. Pictured (l to r) are Clinton Mayor Phil Fisher; Sherrie Broadus of Regions Bank; Zach Morrow, Continental senior staff project engineer; Michel Egner, Continental plant manager; Linda Smith, LEED green associate, U.S. Green Building Council; and Grant Bovim, Continental engineering manager.

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Continental's Clinton Training Center was recently presented the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver accreditation plaque by the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) green building program.

"Continental values and practices sustainability throughout the organization. It is an effort that we will con-

tinue in Clinton," said Michael Egner, Clinton plant manager.

Continental received all fifty points required to achieve the LEED Silver accreditation with its design and practices at its training center. The 23,000 square-foot facility has features that promote energy efficiency, including advanced metering, solar panels and lighting controls for all occupant spaces. In addition, rainwater supplies

the green spaces, and without a permanent irrigation system in place, natural vegetation is able to survive.

"Internally, we launched the Be Energy Efficient (BEE) program," said Zach Morrow, the senior staff project engineer who oversaw the construction of the training center. "BEE is a company-wide initiative that aims to encourage the development of energy saving projects in plants, change em-

ployees' behavior and reduce energy costs."

Morrow was presented with the LEED Silver plaque from Linda K. Smith, Director, Arkansas and Oklahoma U.S. Green Building Council, at the Training Center in Clinton.

The Training Center will support recruitment efforts for the company's future truck tire plant.