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ESSEX BUILDERS MULTI-RESIDENTIAL PROJECT AWARDED LEED PLATINUM RATING

Westwood, MA (January 19, 2012) – The U.S. Green Building Council has awarded Elm Place (1066 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts) a PLATINUM rating under its LEED for Homes program. Essex Builders Corp. completed construction of Elm Place last year for Just-A-Start Corporation. The 25,000 square-foot, four-story building includes 19 affordable apartments with select retail space at street level. The design by VMY Vitols Architects incorporated a high sustainable element including a 24 kilowatt solar power plant on the roof.

“We are delighted that Elm Place received a Platinum Rating,” acknowledged David O’Neil, President of Essex Builders. “Long before there was a LEED federal program to monitor sustainability, our company conducted its operations with consideration of how we impacted the environment. We have found that it always made good business sense to do so. I’m delighted for Just-A-Start as well. They work hard to provide affordable housing and we have had the good fortune to be involved with many of their projects.”

Since 1968, **Just-A-Start Corporation** has been assisting working and retired families in Cambridge and surrounding Metro North communities to meet basic family needs. It works with individuals, families and groups in addressing these needs and enables people to participate fully in the life of their community. For more information please visit www.justastart.org.

VMY Vitols Architects, Inc. of Newton, Massachusetts offers a complete range of construction design services. For more information, please contact 617-597-1900.

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