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**SUBJECT: Warfel First Contractor in PA to Receive GreenPlus Certification**

**November 23, 2009, East Petersburg, PA – Warfel Construction Company** is pleased to announce that it is the first contractor in the state of Pennsylvania to receive the GreenPlus certification through the [Institute for Sustainable Development](#), based in North Carolina. The Institute for Sustainable Development has partnered with local chambers such as the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce to make Green Plus available to its members because they believed it to be a valuable tool.

The Institutes GreenPlus certification encompasses a rigorous diagnostic survey of all aspects of a company. Warfel was recognized for its sustainability efforts based on the Institute’s three overarching aspects of an organization: People (employees and local community), Planet (interaction with and use of the natural environment), and Performance (strengthening the firm’s business side to achieve peak performance). The Institute performs a comprehensive evaluation based on these three aspects. Those businesses with exceptional scores in all three categories receive the GreenPlus designation. Businesses that do not qualify for GreenPlus certification receive consultation on how to improve certain aspects of their business and are encouraged to reapply as they make changes.

Warfel President Ralph Simpson states, “We are honored to be the first Pennsylvania contractor to receive this distinction. After learning about this program through the Lancaster Chamber, I was intrigued that it is focused on many elements of business in addition to sustainability and green business practices. Warfel Construction Company has always operated with the Green Plus principles of taking care of the environment, our employees, and the community while maintaining a financially successful business. We have modeled our company this way for nearly 100 years, and this certification is a great way to enter our second century of business!





“This was by no means an easy process, and required us to take a careful look at all aspects of our organization from employee benefits, to how we track our energy costs and consumption, to volunteer hours, and even how we ship things.” Simpson continues, “We have been building ‘green’ for years, long before ‘sustainable design’ and ‘LEED’ were buzzwords in its industry. We have six LEED certified professionals on staff but being ‘green’ is only a small part of this certification. I think the challenge of this certification is what makes it interesting and significant.”

### **About Warfel Construction Company**

Warfel Construction Company provides general construction, construction management and design/build services to clients in Pennsylvania and surrounding states. In business since 1911, the company concentrates on building for education, retirement living, health care, hospitality and commercial industries.

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