

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Parkshore Centre First Existing Building in Charleston to Receive LEED Certification.**

**Charleston, SC - May 24, 2011:** Durlach Associates announced today Parkshore Centre is the first existing multi-tenant office building in Charleston to be LEED® certified in Operations and Maintenance. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of green buildings.

“Achieving LEED certification is an honor for Durlach Associates because LEED buildings perform better for tenants, investors, and the environment,” said President and CEO Marcus R. Durlach, IV. “We have always been committed to reducing energy consumption and improving the efficiency and quality of our tenant’s workplace -- USGBC and LEED helped focus our sustainability efforts.”

Parkshore Centre achieved LEED by incorporating sustainable strategies into the daily operation of the building. “Replacing the HVAC system with a more energy efficient model and replacing T-12 light fixtures with T-8 fixtures dramatically reduced energy consumption and electricity costs,” Durlach said. “New policies limiting construction waste resulted in over 20,000 pounds of material being recycled or reused. Tenants participated in our complimentary recycling programs diverting more than 25,000 pounds of office waste from landfills. Green Cleaning and Landscaping policies reduce the amount of chemical exposure and improve indoor air quality for building occupants.”

“Parkshore Centre’s LEED certification demonstrates tremendous green building leadership,” said Rick Fedrizzi, President, CEO & Founding Chair, U.S. Green Building Council, “The urgency of USGBC’s mission has challenged the industry to move faster and reach further than ever before, and Parkshore serves as a prime example of just how much we can accomplish.”

Last year Parkshore Centre became the first multi-tenant office building in Charleston to earn the EPA’s prestigious ENERGY STAR, the national symbol for protecting the environment through superior energy efficiency.

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### **About Parkshore Centre**

One of Charleston's premier Class A office buildings, Parkshore Centre offers metropolitan convenience in a professional suburban office park setting with immediate access to I-26. Parkshore Tenant's enjoy an amenity rich neighborhood including nearby restaurants, banks, business services, and employee neighborhoods.

### **About Durlach Associates**

Durlach Associates is a recognized leader in the Charleston commercial real estate market with over 30 years experience developing, leasing, and managing corporate office facilities. The company is committed to enhancing corporate productivity by providing exceptional work environments. Durlach Associates has completed over 1.5 million square feet of Class A facilities valued in excess of \$300 million. Durlach develops facilities to accommodate major corporations, leading law firms, the federal and state government as well as local and regional businesses.