



## **TWO CITY CENTER BUILDING IN DOWNTOWN ALLENTOWN EARNS EPA'S ENERGY STAR® CERTIFICATION FOR SUPERIOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

### **Rating of 93 Makes Two City Center the Most Energy-Efficient Building in the Lehigh Valley and the Fifth-Highest Ranked in Pennsylvania in 2015**

**Allentown, PA, August 31, 2015** – City Center Lehigh Valley, a major mixed-use development in downtown Allentown, announced today that its Two City Center building has earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) ENERGY STAR certification with a rating of 93, which signifies that the building outperforms 93 percent of similar facilities nationwide for energy efficiency. City Center made the announcement jointly with H.T. Lyons, a mechanical contracting, engineering, maintenance and energy services company affiliated with Talen Energy, which designed and constructed Two City Center's heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) system.

With 290,074 square feet of floor space, Two City Center is the largest and highest-rated ENERGY STAR building in the Lehigh Valley in 2015 and the fifth-highest rated in Pennsylvania this year. The certification is based on a full year's actual billed energy data from June 2014 to June 2015. The multi-tenant Two City Center, which has 10 floors of office space and one floor of retail and restaurant space, opened in April 2014 and is fully occupied.

"From the beginning, City Center set out to build a different kind of high-performing building, and H.T. Lyons was able to apply advanced technologies in a cost-effective way so that City Center's tenants can enjoy lower monthly energy costs," said Judy Woosnam, president of City Center Management Company. "Our newly opened Three City Center office and retail building contains a similar system, and we expect that it will also be a very high-performing building."

Commercial buildings that earn EPA's ENERGY STAR certification use an average of 35 percent less energy than typical buildings and also release 35 percent less carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. According to City Center President J.B. Reilly, Two City Center's office tenants pay a monthly average of \$0.60 to \$0.70 per square foot for gas and electricity compared to tenants in a typical Lehigh Valley office building who can pay up to \$1.75 to \$2 per square foot for utilities.

H. T. Lyons custom-designed Two City Center's HVAC system, integrating the most advanced air conditioning compressor technology, fan technology and variable air volume air distribution system, combined with a high-efficiency heating plant, energy recovery system, humidification and advanced building automation system.



“These innovative, energy-efficient HVAC systems are a key part of City Center's brand of quality and innovative properties,” said Chris Bernecker, vice president of H.T. Lyons. “City Center’s environmental stewardship and lower energy costs should make very good business sense to current tenants and prospective ones.”

ENERGY STAR was introduced by the EPA in 1992 as a voluntary, market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency. Today, the ENERGY STAR label can be found on more than 65 different kinds of products, 1.4 million new homes and 20,000 commercial buildings and industrial plants that meet strict energy-efficiency specifications set by the EPA. Over the past 20 years, American families and businesses have saved more than \$230 billion on utility bills and prevented more than 1.8 billion metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions with help from ENERGY STAR.

**About City Center Lehigh Valley:**

[City Center Lehigh Valley](#) is a major mixed-use development that is helping transform downtown Allentown, Pennsylvania, into one of America’s most vibrant urban communities and a regional center of excellence for business, culture and metropolitan living. With Allentown’s new arena, PPL Center, at its core, City Center includes three Class A office towers, the Renaissance Allentown Hotel, Strata Luxury Flats and The Shops at City Center as well as upscale restaurant space, loft-style office space and a coworking space called Velocity. City Center is constructing additional restaurant and retail space by late 2015 – a total investment of \$400 million.

**About H.T. Lyons:**

H.T. Lyons is a full-service mechanical contractor, offering a single source for engineering, construction, energy services, building controls, commissioning, balancing and preventive maintenance. By self-performing this comprehensive list of services, H.T. Lyons is able to offer its clients the highest quality and most streamlined and cost-effective building services in the industry. Its decades-long track record of quality work translates into repeat customers and an unmatched reputation for high-quality mechanical services throughout eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York.

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