



## **Denver Union Station awarded LEED certification** *Transit hub awarded green honor for major 2014 renovation*

**DENVER - (July 25, 2016) – [Denver Union Station](#)** is pleased to announce that it has been awarded **LEED Certification** from the **U.S. Green Building Council**.

Denver Union Station has become downtown Denver's hottest gathering place since it reopened in July 2014 after a \$54 million renovation, with a major goal of making the multi-use transportation hub as environmentally friendly as possible. Several local Colorado companies were involved in the historic building's rejuvenation, including Larimer Associates, McWhinney, REGen, LLC, Sage Hospitality and Urban Neighborhoods.

Originally opened in 1891, Denver Union Station is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Denver Union Station was awarded LEED points for implementing a variety of green initiatives, including:

- Development density & community connectivity
- Building reuse - more than 90% of the historic building's existing structural elements were reused, including the original floors, walls & roof
- Providing easy access to public transportation, including RTD's new University of Colorado A Line to Denver International Airport and B Line to Westminster
- Diverting more than 50% of construction waste from landfills.
- Using low-emitting paints and flooring materials in the renovation
- Regionally manufactured materials were used whenever possible
- Asbestos contamination in the building was remediated

Denver Union Station is home the 112-room luxury independent Crawford Hotel and 12 Colorado restaurants and retailers. A sampling of their green initiatives:

- Stoic & Genuine uses the Environmental Defense Fund Seafood Charts as a guideline when ordering sustainable fish and more than 90% of its oysters are ocean-farmed
- Next Door Union Station sources local produce from Colorado farmers, ranchers and other purveyors and is Zero Waste, composting all food scraps from tables and excess food from its kitchen
- PigTrain Coffee Co. brews locally roasted coffees and espresso beans from

#### Boulder's Conscious Coffees

- Little Man Ice Cream scoops up all-natural, GMO-free, locally produced ice cream and vegan ice cream
- Mercantile Dining + Provision sells artisan cheeses, canned preserves and heritage pork from Chef Alex Siedel's Fruition Farms in Larkspur, Colorado
- Recycling containers are placed through the building, including in each of The Crawford Hotel's 112 guest rooms
- Denver Union Station participates the Clear Intentions Glass Valet program and has diverted more than 25,000 lbs. of glass from the landfill in the past year

Other local vendors utilized by the Denver Union Station restaurant outlets include Tender Belly Bacon, Grateful Bread, Moe's Bagels, 7X Cattle Company, Sugar Bake, Vollmer's Bakery, Mane's Burritos and Morning Fresh Dairy.

Earlier this summer, Denver Union Station unveiled an urban beekeeping initiative on its roof, with four hives holding more than 30,000 thriving honeybees. The Denver Union Station retail and restaurant outlets plan to start incorporating the harvested honey into its food and drink offerings later this summer.

"The Union Station Alliance was dedicated to redeveloping this historic gem of a building in as environmentally friendly manner as possible," said Denver Union Station partner Ferd Belz. "We're continuing to rollout exciting new green programs like the rooftop urban beekeeping initiative and the Clear Intentions Glass Valet recycling program."

New this summer, Denver Union Station partnered with the Boulder County Farmers Markets to host a weekly LoDo market featuring more than 40 local vendors on Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. now through Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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