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**Western Specialty Contractors Named 2016 Restoration Champion by
U.S. Green Building Council - Missouri Gateway Chapter**

(St. Louis, MO, April 8, 2016) - Western Specialty Contractors has been named 2016 Restoration Champion by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) - Missouri Gateway Chapter for its restoration work on the LEED-Platinum-Certified Clayton Police Headquarters and Municipal Facility in Downtown Clayton, MO.

Western was bestowed the honor at the Missouri Gateway Chapter's *Growing Green Awards* ceremony on March 31 in Downtown St. Louis. Celebrating 15 years of green and healthy spaces, the *Growing Green Awards* recognize individuals, organizations, institutions and companies that are helping transform the built environment and the community into a healthier, more environmentally friendly and prosperous place to live, work and learn. Award categories included: Community Champion, Community Innovator, Emerging Leader, Operational Excellence and Restoration Champion.

"We are so proud of the important role that our two St. Louis branches played in helping this project achieve its LEED Platinum Certification," said Western Business Development Representative Jessica Gitto. "We would like to thank the USGBC - Missouri Gateway Chapter for recognizing Western's contribution with this award."

The Clayton Police Headquarters and Municipal Facility project was a joint venture for Western's St. Louis Masonry Branch and St. Louis Concrete Branch: St. Louis Masonry was contracted to restore the building's masonry exterior and St. Louis Concrete was contracted to restore the building's attached 168-space parking garage.

Western's experienced workforce combined time-tested and modern, innovative techniques to restore the mid-1950's replica of the Governor's Palace in Williamsburg, Virginia into the state-of-the-art police and municipal facility. The project earned 80 out of a possible 110 points to qualify it for LEED Platinum Certification, making it Missouri's first Platinum-Certified law enforcement facility and one of only two publicly-owned Platinum-Certified facilities in Missouri.

Western crews restored the 22,000-square-foot, six-story building's masonry facade through tuckpointing, caulking of settlement cracks, removal of efflorescence and stains and replacement of damaged bricks with new bricks that closely matched the originals.

The three-level garage's restoration was vital to providing a strong foundation for its rooftop deck where Missouri's largest, single-site solar array was to be installed. Western crews worked to shore the parking structure down to the slab-on-grade level and repaired corroded post-tension tendons to provide a sound foundation for the solar panels on the garage's roof. Western crews also repaired the garage's damaged concrete walls, floors and ceilings and applied a urethane traffic coating.

With an improved building envelope and garage provided by Western's crews, a team of contractors moved forward with installation of the high-efficiency HVAC, lighting and water systems, as well as construction of forensic computer crime and anti-terrorism laboratories, a municipal court and offices, police headquarters, sally port and detention suite, and a duplicate data center for the City of Clayton.

About Western Specialty Contractors

Family-owned and operated for 100 years, Western Specialty Contractors is the nation's largest specialty contractor in masonry and concrete restoration, waterproofing and specialty roofing. Western offers a nationwide network of expertise that building owners, engineers, architects and property managers can count on to develop cost-effective, corrective measures that can add years of useful life to a variety of structures including: industrial, commercial, healthcare, historic, educational and government buildings, parking structures and sports stadiums. Western is headquartered in St. Louis, MO with over 30 branch offices nationwide and employs more than 1,200 salaried and hourly professionals who offer the best, time-tested techniques and innovative technology. For more information about Western Specialty Contractors, visit www.westernspecialtycontractors.com.

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