

## BENEDICTINE WOMEN OF MADISON



HOLY WISDOM MONASTERY MADISON, WISCONSIN

"WE FELT WE WERE IN GOOD HANDS WITH HOFFMAN." – Srs. Mary David Walgenbach, Joanne Kollasch, and Lynne Smith

The Benedictine Women of Madison partnered with Hoffman on the planning, design, and construction of the 34,000 square foot Holy Wisdom Monastery in Madison, Wisconsin. Seeking to replace Benedictine House, their existing 60,000 square foot retreat and conference center, the Sisters set high expectations for Holy Wisdom Monastery, lead by the need to embody the Sisters' mission of weaving prayer, hospitality, justice, and care for the earth into a shared way of life as an ecumenical Benedictine community. While portraying an elegant simplicity central to the Sisters' monastic values, the monastery needed to provide space ideal for both quiet, personal reflection as well as community gatherings. In addition, the Sisters wanted the monastery to be designed and built sustainably, respectful of its natural environment, within a fiscally responsible budget, and they wanted to achieve a LEED®

Platinum certification. Once the project was complete, it had become the highest-rated LEED-New Construction building in the United States—achieving 63 out of a possible 69 points under LEED-NC v2.2 at a total project square foot cost of just \$246. The two-story Holy Wisdom Monastery provides the Sisters and their community with spaces for worship, concerts, conferences, lectures, interfaith dialog, and both small and large group dining.

SCOPE: New/Deconstruction AREA: 34,300 sq. ft. COMPLETION DATE: 8/2009

## **PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS:**

- U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)
  LEED® Platinum | New Construction
  (LEED-NC)
- 2009 Top Project (Wisconsin Builder magazine)
- 2010 Aon Build America Merit Award (The Associated General Contractors (AGC) of America)
- 2010 SE2 Award of Merit (Wisconsin Green Building Alliance)
- 2010 Best Green Building (Midwest Construction magazine)
- 2010 Design-Build Award of Merit (Design Build Institute of America)
- 2010 BUILD Wisconsin Design Build - New Construction (AGC of Wisconsin)
- 2010 Top Ten LEED project (#5)(Interiors & Sources magazine)









