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**Department of Revenue Creates Model for Other Agencies with New Building**

**TALLAHASSEE --** The newly constructed headquarters for the Florida Department of Revenue is a model for state and local governments throughout the country, said Rep. Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda (D-Tallahassee) after touring the 474,000 square foot facility this week.

“What is important to me is that the Department of Revenue and the construction contractor collaborated to use as much recycled material as possible, and they actively sought out energy saving technologies,” said Rehwinkel Vasilinda.

“A full 50 percent of the products used to build the facility were diverted from landfill materials, which saves energy and precious landfill capacity, as well as saving state and local tax dollars,” the representative said.

Other energy saving innovations at the DOR building include:

- A water reclamation system estimated to save 3.4 million gallons of water usage annually;
- Light harvesting technology, light sensing technology and high efficiency lighting that will produce significant savings on interior lighting costs and an extraordinary 68 percent savings on exterior lighting costs;
- Subfloor, high-efficiency air conditioning that will cut utility costs by 36 percent.

The DOR also worked with the City of Tallahassee to provide a bus drop-off area closer than the parking lot for employees who drive and bike racks to encourage clean transportation. “By consolidating 16 separate Tallahassee locations in a single location, the Department will save more than \$1 million in rent and utilities, and hundreds if not thousands of gallons of gasoline transporting documents from location to location,” says Rehwinkel Vasilinda. “I am proud of the work and foresight that went into the design of this state of the art facility that should be a model for the planning of future state and local buildings” says Rehwinkel Vasilinda.

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**DOR Southwood Campus Information**

General Site Information:

- Address: 2450 Shumard Oak Boulevard
- Site consists of three buildings—2 five-story buildings and 1 two-story building
- Approximately 474,000 square feet

Staffing and Current location Information:

- This facility will allow us to consolidate 16 separate Tallahassee facilities into a single location.
- In total, the new facility will accommodate approximately 2,250 employees.
- 944 employees moved in April 2010, and an additional 1,287 employees will move to the facility by the end of October 2010.

State Savings and Environmental Information:

- Approximately \$1 million annual savings in rent and utilities
- Water reclamation system saving 3.4 million gallons of water usage
- Light harvesting technology, light sensing technology, and high efficiency lighting save 28% in lighting costs on interior lights, and 68% of costs for exterior lighting
- 50% of products used to build the facility were diverted from landfill materials
- Under-floor, high-efficiency air conditioning system will save 36% in utility costs.