



Academy Village Registers Assisted Living Facility



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- **The community of Academy Village has registered Tucson's first assisted living facility in the LEED® for Homes program.**
 - The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) is proud to welcome Academy Village as a participant in LEED for Homes. LEED for Homes is a national third-party certification system for energy efficient, healthy, green homes.
 - The Academy Village community is building a 12 unit assisted living facility to be able to provide a continuum of care to residents of the community. In deciding to seek LEED for Home certification, residents desired to achieve a building with a smaller ecological foot print. The facility is targeting LEED Silver certification and expects to save water, energy and most importantly for an assisted living facility, provide a healthy living environment.
 - This is the first of three assisted living facilities that will eventually be built in the community.
 - Academy Village is located in the Rincon Valley east of Tucson..
 - LEED certification provides third-party assurance to occupants that their facility complies with rigorous technical requirements for energy and water efficiency, indoor air quality, non-toxic materials, and environmental performance. Facilities that are certified through LEED complete a technically rigorous verification process that includes a home energy (HERS) rating and onsite inspections by the Pima County Green Building Program. Lower insurance rates, advantageous financing, and government incentives may be available for LEED-certified homes..
- **Pima County Continues to LEED® the way.**
 - Pima County is the only government jurisdiction authorized to review and inspect homes, apartments, assisted living facilities for LEED for Homes certification.
 - LEED for Homes is a third-party certification system for high-performance green homes. Developed and administered by USGBC, LEED for Homes awards points to projects in seven categories of environmental performance: Location & Linkages, Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Indoor Environmental Quality, Energy & Atmosphere, Homeowner Awareness, and Innovation and Design. To date, more than 540 homes have been LEED-certified, and over 13,000 have been registered and are under development. For more information, visit www.thegreenhomeguide.org.