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GREEN REPAIR PROJECTS ON THE RISE FOR TIGHE & BOND SUSTAINABLE STANDARDS APPLIED TO SCHOOL BUILDING REPAIRS

Westfield, Massachusetts – April 21, 2011 – Since the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) prequalified Tighe & Bond to provide designer services for its Green Repair Program last year, the firm has been awarded multiple school improvement projects that fall under the auspices of this program. Tighe & Bond currently is performing repairs at 12 public schools in Greenfield, Orange, Palmer and Westfield using a prescribed set of sustainable standards. It is anticipated that construction of the Palmer and Westfield school projects will commence at the close of the school year in June.

“The City of Westfield is pleased to procure the services of Tighe and Bond for these very important projects,” comments Mayor Daniel Knapik of Westfield. “In these tough economic times, it is good to see these projects awarded to a local firm and we look forward to working with Tighe and Bond to complete the improvements to our schools.”

The main goals of the MSBA’s Green Repair Program are to improve learning environments for children and teachers, reduce energy use and generate cost savings for districts. The MSBA officially launched its \$300 million Green Repair Program in March 2010 to expedite the energy efficient repair or replacement of roofs, windows and boilers in public school buildings. Designers for these MSBA funded repairs are required to follow the Massachusetts Stretch Energy Code, which is a set of enhanced building system energy-efficiency requirements. Facilities should realize an improvement of approximately 20% greater building energy efficiency from these repairs. Tighe & Bond is one of several designers that the MSBA prequalified, by way of a competitive proposal process, to provide window, roof and boiler repairs for this program.

“Many school districts are challenged to improve the efficiencies of their buildings in this economy and the Green Repair Program is a valuable opportunity for school districts to pursue repairs and upgrades that they may otherwise not be able to complete,” comments Robert Peirent, a senior vice president at Tighe & Bond who oversees the firm’s Green Repair projects. He adds, “Since Tighe & Bond has experience working with a number of municipal and private clients to improve building system efficiencies and meet sustainability goals, we are particularly well-suited for this work and pleased to be providing our services.”



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Tighe & Bond has provided a host of sustainable design and LEED services for clients that include Deerfield Academy, Yale University, PeoplesBank, Royal Bank of Scotland and Kollmorgen Electro-Optical. The firm's sustainable services include: LEED design, certification and commissioning, renewable energy and alternative energy development, low impact design and land use strategies, energy/resource conservation and more.

Tighe & Bond

Founded in 1911 and celebrating 100 years in business this year, Tighe & Bond is one of the most experienced engineering firms in New England, with offices in Westfield, Worcester and Pocasset, Massachusetts; Middletown and Shelton, Connecticut; and Portsmouth, New Hampshire. *Engineering News Record* annually ranks Tighe & Bond among the top design and environmental engineering firms nationally. The firm provides engineering and environmental services for clients in government (federal, state and local), industry, healthcare, education, real estate development, renewable energy, power utilities and water/wastewater utility markets.

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