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## **DESTINY USA IMPLEMENTS EPA'S ENERGY STAR LOW CARBON IT CAMPAIGN**

**Sleeping at Destiny USA Does the Environment Good**

**Syracuse, New York** - Destiny USA officials announced today that in response to a request from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), it has joined the Energy Star Low Carbon IT Campaign. In compliance with Destiny USA's green initiatives and commitment to be a global leader in environmental stewardship, the company will implement power consumption guidelines on its desktop and laptop computers as recommended by the EPA. These guidelines dictate that the computer monitor must go to sleep after 5 minutes of non-use; and for the computer to go to sleep or into hibernation mode after 15 minutes.

As a result of this implementation, Destiny USA will save 66,015.5 kilowatts of energy; which translates to pollution prevention of 152.1 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>; which is equivalent to 31.36 acres of trees being planted and 25.27 cars being removed from our streets and highways.

"Most employers consider sleeping on the job an intolerable and unproductive form of employee behavior; and rightfully so," said Melissa Perry, Destiny USA's Director of Sustainability. "Under The Low Carbon Campaign, companies are being encouraged to ask their employees to put their computers in sleep or hibernation mode when they are not in use as a means of helping to fight against global warming and soaring energy cost."

By enabling power management settings, computers and monitors go into a low-power sleep mode after a period of inactivity. Power management has the potential to save up to \$50 per computer annually. Despite the significant savings, according to Lawrence Berkeley National Labs, only five to ten percent of U.S. organizations have deployed these settings on computers.

"Although the work day may come to an end, we never clock out of our environmental responsibility," said EPA Administrator Stephen L. Johnson. "By joining the Low Carbon IT Campaign, our partners are taking steps that are not only good for the bottom line they're good for the environment."

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To join the Energy Star Low Carbon IT Campaign, organizations simply take an online pledge to activate power management features on their monitors and computers to save energy and reduce their carbon footprint. Organizations can increase energy savings further by purchasing Energy Star qualified computers and monitors. In turn, EPA provides free assistance to help implement power management, an estimate of the organization's energy and carbon savings, and official recognition from the agency. Organizations can join the campaign by visiting: <http://www.energystar.gov/lowcarbonit>

On February 27, 2007, Destiny USA closed on \$540 million in financing, secured through municipal underwriters Lehman Brothers and Citigroup with the sale of \$345 million in municipal bonds, along with a construction loan from Citigroup, to advance the first phase of the project, including the first ever issued, "Green Bonds." On the same day, Destiny USA delivered \$65.4 million to the City of Syracuse and Onondaga County to advance other economic development initiatives in the region.

Under the direction of Destiny USA, Cianbro Corporation, the projects' construction manager, is interweaving technology while driving innovation, to construct the "greenest destination" in the USA. The 1.3 million square foot First Phase has a 10 acre footprint.

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