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### **CHAMBERSBURG WOMEN IN NEED TO BUILD NEW LEED CERTIFIED SHELTER WITH GRANT HELP FROM WEST PENN POWER SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FUND**

GREENSBURG, PA – February 1, 2010 – West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund is working with the Women In Need (WIN) of Chambersburg to help their new facility achieve a LEED Certified Silver Building award. This grant will help with the costs of several high tech energy efficient features and earn them additional points in the LEED process of the construction and their commitment to a Certified Silver Building.

A grant from the West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund will help to provide funding for

- Solar hot water system (evacuated tubes)
- Heat recovery ventilator that recovers the heat from the outgoing stale air to warm up the incoming fresh air
- Geothermal heat pump system that uses the constant temperature of the earth to more efficiently heat and cool a building

WIN is a private non-profit organization serving victims of sexual and domestic violence in Fulton and Franklin counties. This new LEED building will conserve both natural and financial resources as well as create a healthy environment for the WIN staff and those they serve. Both the office and the shelter will be combined to serve their victims, which consist of almost 1700 annually with civil representation and shelter to approximately 125. Prevention and education programs were provided to 12,523 students pre-school through college level. All of their services are provided at no cost.

This consolidation of buildings and operations will help maximize and conserve resources and provide handicap accessibility. Larger shelter space and more natural lighting will be gained as well. The new office and shelter facility of almost 11,000 square feet will be located on two acres of land in a new commercial development on the south side of Chambersburg, PA. WIN has chosen a local firm, Brechbill & Helman Construction Co., Inc. to design and build the new facility. Brechbill and Helman utilize a sustainable design and construction philosophy encouraging decisions at each phase of the process that will reduce negative impacts on the environment and the health of the occupants. They are a member of USGBC (United States Green Building Council) and GBACPA (Green Building Association of Central Pennsylvania) and have several LEED professionals on staff. They specialize in commercial, institutional and industrial construction.

This project and many other clean energy initiatives are made possible by the West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund. The fund invests in the deployment of clean energy technologies throughout the West Penn Power service region in Pennsylvania, invests in the use of renewable and clean energy, energy efficiency and conservation and attracts sustainable energy businesses to the Commonwealth. Learn more about how this fund is helping to green Pennsylvania at [www.wppsef.org](http://www.wppsef.org).