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**AUTHORITY CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING OF ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING**

**Kissimmee, FL** – On Thursday, July 29, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Toho Water Authority (“the Authority”) will celebrate the grand opening of their Administrative Complex located at 951 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The Authority is currently going through the submittal process to receive the LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver Certification.

LEED promotes a whole-building approach to sustainability by recognizing performance in five key areas: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality.

The new Administrative Complex demonstrates the Authority’s public commitment to conserving water and energy for Osceola’s future. It will serve as the primary workplace for the Authority’s administrative staff now located on the second floor of the City of Kissimmee City Hall and other auxiliary offices in the county.

The sustainable design includes demonstration gardens and educational venues that promote water conservation.

The building is designed to have an estimated water savings of

- 171,215 gallons/year by using low flow water fixtures and
- 159,600 gallons/year of potable water to be replaced with reclaimed water for outside irrigation.

The building is designed to experience an energy savings of:

- \$2,900/year by using advanced day lighting practices and lighting controls
- \$10,000/year on hi-output /low energy interior and exterior lighting
- \$235,000 in life cycle costs with use of the HVAC air conditioning system

The 4-story, 54,000 square foot facility, was designed by KZF Design, LLC with construction management by Balfour Beatty.

***Established in October 2003 by a special act of the Florida legislature, Toho Water Authority is the largest provider of water, wastewater and reclaimed water services in Osceola County. The Authority currently serves 73,000 water, 71,000 wastewater and 10,000 reclaimed water customers in Kissimmee, Poinciana and unincorporated areas of Osceola County.***