



## **METROPOLITAN EARNS EPA’S ENERGY STAR® CERTIFICATION**

CHARLOTTE, NC (January 12, 2021) – Northwood Office has announced that Metropolitan in Charlotte, North Carolina has earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA’s) ENERGY STAR certification for superior energy performance.

“Improving the energy efficiency of our nation’s buildings is critical to protecting our environment,” said Jean Lupinacci, Chief of the ENERGY STAR Commercial & Industrial Branch. “From the boiler room to the board room, organizations are leading the way by making their buildings more efficient and earning EPA’s ENERGY STAR certification.”

ENERGY STAR certified buildings and plants are verified to perform in the top 25 percent of buildings nationwide, based on weather-normalized source energy use that takes into account occupancy, hours of operation and other key metrics. ENERGY STAR is the only energy efficiency certification in the United States that is based on actual, verified energy performance.

“We’re honored to earn the ENERGY STAR for superior energy performance at Metropolitan and appreciate the efforts of everyone who has been involved in its efficient operation,” said Paul Cattieu, director of sustainability, Northwood Office. “Saving energy is just one of the ways we show our community we care and that we’re committed to doing our part to protect the environment and public health, both today and for future generations.”

On average, ENERGY STAR certified buildings and plants use 35 percent less energy, cause 35 percent fewer greenhouse gas emissions, and are less expensive to operate than their peers—all without sacrifices in performance or comfort.

To date, tens of thousands of buildings and plants across all fifty states have earned the ENERGY STAR. For more information about ENERGY STAR for Buildings and Plants, visit [www.energystar.gov/buildings](http://www.energystar.gov/buildings).

### **About ENERGY STAR**

ENERGY STAR® is the government-backed symbol for energy efficiency, providing simple, credible, and unbiased information that consumers and businesses rely on to make well-informed decisions. Thousands of industrial, commercial, utility, state, and local organizations—including more than 40 percent of the Fortune 500®—rely on their partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to deliver cost-saving energy efficiency solutions. Since 1992, ENERGY STAR and its thousands of partners helped American families and businesses save more than 4 trillion kilowatt-hours of electricity and achieve over 3.5 billion metric tons of greenhouse gas reductions. In 2018 alone, ENERGY STAR and its partners helped Americans avoid nearly \$35 billion in energy costs. More background information about ENERGY STAR can be found at: [energystar.gov/about](http://energystar.gov/about) and [energystar.gov/numbers](http://energystar.gov/numbers).

**About Metropolitan**

Metropolitan is a mixed-use development featuring 170,589 square feet of Class A office space, 171,644 square feet of retail space and 101 condos in Midtown, just east of Uptown Charlotte, North Carolina. The 10-story LEED Silver office building was constructed in 2008. The retail component is anchored by Trader Joe's, Best Buy and Marshalls, complemented by various dining options. With easy access to I-277, I-77, I-85 and Charlotte Douglas International Airport, the building is adjacent to Sugar Creek Greenway. For more information, visit [metropolitanclt.com](http://metropolitanclt.com).

**About Northwood Office**

Charlotte-based Northwood Office was established by [Northwood Investors](#) – a privately-held, global real estate investment and management firm – to provide a complete approach to fulfilling office space needs. Offering best-in-class services in commercial development, leasing and property management, Northwood Office is committed to creating and sustaining work environments that inspire by focusing on enhancing quality of life, productivity, flexibility and community. For more information, visit [northwoodoffice.com](http://northwoodoffice.com).

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