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## **Green Roof Blocks™ Will Install The Largest Modular Green Roof In The World At The McCormick Place Convention Center In Chicago.**

**St. Louis, MO--January 25, 2007--** Green Roof Blocks™, makers of portable green roof systems, will install its product on the roof of Chicago's McCormick Place Convention Center. The project will be the largest in Green Roof Block's three year history. 23,177 Green Roof Block Modules will be installed on the McCormick roof and cover over 96,000 square feet. When completed, the McCormick green roof will be the second largest in the United States and the largest "modular" green roof in the world.

Green Roof Blocks modular green roof systems are self-contained portable units that cover 4 to 5.2 square feet of roof surface and contain a growth medium with drought resistant plants. The McCormick project will contain nine species of sedums totaling 185,416 sedum plugs and cover 96,611 square feet of roof area. Green Roof Blocks are designed to reduce energy cost and consumption, help to absorb and limit storm water run off, and increase the life of a roof by up to four times.

"In addition to benefiting McCormick Place, our modular green roof will also have a positive environmental impact on the City of Chicago," says Kelly Luckett, president of Green Roof Blocks. "The 23,177 Green Roof Blocks will retain 77,812 gallons of storm water that would otherwise flow into Lake Michigan. This storm water is instead returned to the atmosphere through the transpiration of the plants, helping to reduce the heat island surrounding downtown Chicago."

The project is expected to be completed by June, 2007 and will be the third recent Chicago based project for Green Roof Blocks. The company recently installed a green roof on the Experimental Station building located at 6100 South Blackstone and on the Bank of America building at Kennedy Parkway and Belmont.

Green Roof Blocks™ is a subsidiary of St. Louis Metalworks, with offices located at 11701 New Halls Ferry Rd., Florissant, MO 63033. The company maintains a web site at [www.greenroofblocks.com](http://www.greenroofblocks.com).

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