Seward Co-op in Minneapolis



In Minneapolis, Minn., Seward Co-op opened its new 25,600-squarefoot facility Jan. 8, 2009. The \$10.5 million project relocated

the store seven blocks east of its former 10,500-square-foot site, which has been sold.

Gold LEED design certification is being sought for the project, which captures over 90 percent of rainwater falling on the property, uses renewable energy for 70 percent of its electric usage, and diverted over 95 percent of its construction waste from landfill to recycled use.

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The foodservice area features a double-sided salad bar and eleven hot food options. The bakery can be seen in the background at right.



The co-op retained the shell of the former corner store (left) while constructing a two-story addition.



Seward Co-op general managers have stayed in the industry. Shown, left to right: P.J. Hoffman 1983–1986 (now with CDS Consulting Co-op), Sean Doyle (2004–present), Gail Graham 1986–1999 (now general manager of Mississippi Market Co-op), and Stuart Reid 1999–2004 (now leading the Food Co-op 500 program).



The produce area ready to greet newly arriving shoppers.



The new meat department greatly expands the service provided to customers.



The HBC department.



A roomy seating area looks out from the corner of the new store.



The second-floor kitchen is ready for classes and special events.