UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT MEDICAL CENTER GREEN BOND

FRAMEWORK OVERVIEW AND SECOND OPINION BY SUSTAINALYTICS

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1. PREFACE

The University of Vermont Medical Center (UVMMC) has engaged Sustainalytics to provide a second opinion on its green bond issuance and the bond's environmental credentials. As part of this engagement, Sustainalytics held conversations with various members of The UVM Medical Center's management team to understand the sustainability impact of their business processes and planned use of proceeds for the bond issuance. Sustainalytics also reviewed relevant public and internal documents. This document contains two sections: Framework Overview – summary of The UVMMC Green Bond framework; and Sustainalytics' Opinion – an opinion on the framework.

2. INTRODUCTION

The University of Vermont Medical Center is part of a five-hospital network that serves patients in Vermont and northern New York. It is the primary referral center for these regions, serving a population of more than 1 million people. Dating back to the 1800s, The UVM Medical Center is a non-profit organization based in Burlington, VT, that has a mission "to improve the health of the people in [served] communities by integrating patient care, education, and research in a caring environment."

UVMMC is a mission-driven organization and is striving to be the greenest healthcare organization in the country. UVMMC's environmental policy, as published in its signed commitment to the community, includes adherence to the following principles: Conservation and Sustainable Use of Natural Resources, Emissions Reductions, Waste Reduction, Energy Conservation, Product Stewardship, Sustainable Food Procurement, and Upstream Management System (education about root causes of environmental problems). In accordance with its commitment, the organization maintains a multi-year Sustainability Strategic Plan, and discloses performance on the plan in annual reports.

To achieve one of the objectives of its 2016-2020 Sustainability Strategic Plan, UVM Medical Center is planning to issue a green bond to finance the construction of a seven-level inpatient building sized at approximately 180,000 square feet. The seven-story building will host four floors of 32 single-occupancy, medical-surgical single rooms, and will have a total of 128 inpatient rooms. The inpatient facility is registered to achieve a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification. UVMMC has also established energy and water conservation targets for the new building, namely a 25% reduction in water consumption and a 35% reduction in energy use as compared to existing inpatient facilities.

3. FRAMEWORK OVERVIEW

UVMMC is issuing a green bond that aims to fund the construction of a LEED-certified inpatient bed facility. This project aligns with UVMMC's 2016-2020 Sustainability Strategic Plan, and with the 'Energy Conservation' principle of its environmental policy. The following section summarizes UVMMC's green bond framework including the use of proceeds, process for project selection, the management of proceeds, and reporting.



3.1 Use of Proceeds

All proceeds of the bond will be allocated to the construction of a seven-level inpatient building sized at approximately 180,000 square feet. The seven-story building will host four floors of 32 single-occupancy, medical-surgical single rooms, and will have a total of 128 inpatient rooms. UVMMC is seeking a LEED certification for the inpatient facility, and is aiming to secure a LEED Silver certification.

While UVMMC has successfully achieved LEED Gold certification in the past, LEED Silver was chosen as the designation for this inpatient facility keeping in mind two key considerations. The first is that the inpatient facility will be built on an existing site, and will use the energy infrastructure of the existing central plant. While the new facility itself will be energy efficient, and will qualify for LEED points based on its efficiency, UVMMC is not improving the efficiency of the existing central plant infrastructure as a part of this project. Additionally, UVMMC has also disclosed that this inpatient facility will be the first new building to be certified under the LEED for Healthcare (LEED-HC) construction rating system. Given this scope, and the scale of the project, UVMMC concluded that LEED Silver would be the most feasible designation.

3.2 Project Evaluation and Selection Process

The inpatient bed facility was selected as the recipient of green bond proceeds based on the facility's registration to achieve LEED Silver certification. LEED is an internationally recognized green building certification that provides a standardized measure of sustainability in building design and construction. LEED certification evaluates the sustainability of a building by assigning points for performance in the following key areas:

- Sustainable Sites
- Water Efficiency
- Energy and Atmosphere
- Materials and Resources
- Indoor Environmental Quality
- Innovation in Design
- Regional Priority

LEED Silver certification requires a building to achieve between 50 and 59 points to demonstrate performance in the areas outlined above. These points are tracked in a LEED scorecard. Given that UVMMC will not know the status of its application for LEED Silver certification until after the building's completion, they have hired an external sustainability consultant to track progress towards certification during the design and construction phase of the building. The external sustainability consultant-Thornton Tomasetti (TT) - has completed a LEED Silver risk assessment for UVMMC's inpatient facility. The risk assessment discloses that UVMMC is on track to achieve 55 points. Based on this assessment, UVMMC has disclosed to Sustainalytics that they feel comfortable meeting LEED Silver certification requirements.



Additionally, UVMMC has set performance targets in two of the abovementioned areas (Water Efficiency and Energy and Atmosphere), which also align with Green Project categories outlined by the International Capital Market Association's Green Bond Principles (GBP). These performance targets include a 25% reduction in water consumption and a 35% reduction in energy use as compared to existing inpatient facilities. UVMMC has also modelled the energy performance of its new inpatient facility using the metric of Energy Use Intensity (EUI). The EUI expresses a building's energy use as a function of its size or other characteristics by dividing the total energy consumed by the building in one year (kBtu) by the total gross floor area of the building (square feet). It is a metric developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star program. UVMMC estimates that its new inpatient building will achieve an EUI that is 47% less than the EUI of existing buildings (estimated to be 143 kBtu/square foot/year). UVMMC's LEED registration certificate and LEED Project Checklist also reflect its commitment to its stated performance targets.

3.3 Management of Proceeds

The green bond will be issued by the Vermont Educational and Health Buildings Financing Agency (VEHBFA). However, the entity using the bond proceeds to implement the eligible project will be UVMMC. The total cost of the inpatient building is expected to be approximately \$190 million, and is being financed through a combination of working capital, fundraising, and short- and long-term debt. The value of UVMMC's green bond is expected to be lower than the value of the green asset being financed, i.e. the proceeds from the bond will only account for a part of the total cost of the building.

The proceeds from the green bond will be held in a liquid, money market account managed by UVMMC's finance department. Part of the bond proceeds will be used to reimburse UVMMC for building construction costs already incurred. The rest will be allocated directly to construction of the building.

A requisition process will be followed before bond proceeds are used to pay for construction costs. UVMMC will send a requisition to VEHBFA (the issuer of the bond), requesting the release of bond funds to pay for construction costs. The requisition details what the cost is for and to whom the cost should be paid. VEHBFA confirms that the requisition is for the construction of the building, approves the request, and sends the requisition to the bond trustee for payment utilizing bond proceeds. UVMMC has noted that requests to use bond proceeds for financing costs unrelated to the new inpatient facility would be declined in the requisition phase. UVMMC is confident that the requisition process described above provides sufficient assurance that bond proceeds are directed exclusively towards the building and construction of the inpatient facility.



3.4 Reporting

Allocation Reporting

The proceeds of the Bonds expended on the inpatient building will be tracked by UVMMC. UVMMC has disclosed that their external auditor will provide additional assurance on allocation of bond proceeds by performing testing on payments made using the proceeds, and confirming adherence to the requisition process.

Additionally, UVMMC has confirmed that they will annually disclose the amount of the proceeds of the Series 2016B Bonds that have been expended to date on the inpatient building to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's Electronic Municipal Market Access System (EMMA). This disclosure will continue until such time as the proceeds of the Bonds are fully expended. Once all the net proceeds of the Bonds to be expended on the inpatient building have been spent, no further updates on the use of such proceeds will be provided.

Impact Reporting

UVMMC maintains consistent documentation that tracks progress towards LEED Silver certification. One such document is the LEED status report, published quarterly by UVMMC on its website. This report details the status of the LEED scorecard, i.e. the current number of points UVMMC's inpatient facility has achieved under each of the six key areas tracked by LEED certification. In addition, UVMMC will report on its success in achieving LEED silver certification to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's EMMA.

Additionally, UVMMC has established energy and water conservation targets for the new inpatient bed facility. More specifically, UVMMC is targeting a 25% reduction in water consumption and a 35% reduction in energy use as compared to existing inpatient facilities. UVMMC has committed to reporting on these established targets after one year of occupancy of the inpatient facility (currently, the building is scheduled to be complete and ready for occupancy in July 2019). UVMMC has confirmed that after twelve months of occupancy, they will complete a measurement and verification process to determine whether the energy and water efficiency targets set for the inpatient facility have been met. Measurement of energy and water use will be accomplished through metering capability that will be installed as a part of the project, and the measured results will be benchmarked against UVMMC's peers (i.e. existing inpatient facilities across the country or New England). UVMMC will then disclose the performance of the inpatient facility against the established efficiency targets on their website.



4. SUSTAINALYTICS' OPINION

A strong environmental commitment: UVMMC is an organization with a strong environmental commitment, as seen by its policy and its 2016-2020 Sustainability Program Strategic Plan. UVMMC's policy includes a commitment not only to improve its own environmental performance through the sustainable use of resources and the reductions of emissions and waste, but also to promote greater environmental responsibility in the community and educate its workforce on environmental issues. Additionally, UVMMC has a strong five-year sustainability strategic plan that outlines specific objectives against its environmental commitments. The plan also lays out measurable targets for its objectives, and assigns responsibility for each of these targets to the relevant department leaders. Senior management is responsible for monitoring the overall progress towards the broader environmental commitments.

In issuing a green bond to construct its new inpatient facilities as a LEED-certified energy efficient building, UVMMC is realizing the environmental commitment outlined in its 2016-2020 Sustainability Strategic Plan. UVMMC has also has a track record of constructing green buildings; it has achieved LEED Gold certification for The Glen and Rosemarie Wright Mother-Baby Unit and the Hinesburg Family Medicine Building. Given its strong environmental policy, integration of the policy in organizational actions through its Sustainability Strategic Plan, and past performance, Sustainalytics is of the opinion that UVMMC regularly considers the environmental impact of its operations, and is well positioned to issue a green bond.

Impact of LEED certification on Climate Change

Energy efficient buildings are explicitly recognized by the ICMA Green Bond Principles as offering clear environmental benefits. Buildings are a significant contributor to Green House Gas (GHG) and carbon emissions. For example, in the US, buildings account for 38% of all carbon dioxide emissions, 73% of all national electricity consumption, and 13.6% of all potable water consumption. Improving their energy efficiency is a robust way to mitigate the effects of climate change. LEED certification is an independent verification of a building's energy and resource efficiency; for example, LEED Gold certified buildings can generate up to 34% less GHG emissions than the average commercial building.

Adherence to the Green Bond Principles 2016

UVMMC's green bond follows the guidance provided by the Green Bond Principles 2016, and is in alignment with its four pillars. Please see Appendix 1 for more details.



Conclusion

By issuing a green bond to finance the construction of its new, LEED Silver certified, inpatient building, UVMMC is acting in accordance with its environmental policy, and objectives in its 2016-2020 Sustainability Strategic Plan. It is aiming to reduce GHG emissions through energy efficiency, and sustainably use resources through reducing water consumption.

UVMMC is selecting this project as the recipient of green bond proceeds as it is registered to achieve LEED Silver certification. It has also established clear energy and resource efficiency targets for the building. Given that the LEED process requires consistent documentation to track progress towards certification, UVMMC has committed to transparently reporting on its efficiency targets, on its progress towards certification, and on its achievement of LEED certification. UVMMC's green bond follows the guidance provided by the Green Bond Principles 2016 (see Appendix 1), and is in alignment with its four pillars, which address the use of proceeds, process of project evaluation and selection, management of proceeds, and reporting. Based on the above considerations, Sustainalytics is of the view that UVMMC's green bond is robust and credible.



APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Adherence to the Green Bond Principles 2016

Green Bond / Green Bond Programme External Review Form

Section 1.	Basic Information	

Issuer name: Vermont Educational and Health Buildings Financing Agency (VEHBFA)

Review provider's name: Sustainalytics

Section 2. Review overview

SCOPE OF REVIEW

The following may be used or adapted, where appropriate, to summarise the scope of the review.

The review assessed the following elements and confirmed their alignment with the GBPs:

\boxtimes	Use of Proceeds	\times	Process for Project Evaluation and Selection
\boxtimes	Management of Proceeds	\boxtimes	Reporting
ROLE(S	S) OF REVIEW PROVIDER		
\boxtimes	Consultancy (incl. 2 nd opinion)		Certification
	Verification		Rating
	Other (please specify):		

Note: In case of multiple reviews / different providers, please provide separate forms for each review.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REVIEW and/or LINK TO FULL REVIEW (if applicable)



Section 3. Detailed review

Reviewers are encouraged to provide the information below to the extent possible and use the comment section to explain the scope of their review.

1. USE OF PROCEEDS

Overall comment on section (if applicable):

The University of Vermont Medical Center (UVMMC) is the entity using the bond proceeds to implement the eligible project- an inpatient facility registered to achieve LEED Silver certification. UVMMC has confirmed to Sustainalytics that the bond offering document will state that the proceeds of this bond will be used exclusively for the construction of the LEED Silver certified inpatient building. The LEED Silver certified building will help to mitigate the impacts of climate change through resource conservation and GHG emissions reduction.

Use of proceeds categories as per GBF

	Renewable energy	\boxtimes	Energy efficiency
	Pollution prevention and control		Sustainable management of living natural resources
	Terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity conservation		Clean transportation
\boxtimes	Sustainable water management		Climate change adaptation
	Eco-efficient products, production technologies and processes		Other (please specify):
	Unknown at issuance but currently expected to conform with GBP categories, or other eligible areas not yet stated in GBPs		

If applicable please specify the environmental taxonomy, if other than GBPs: N/A



2. PR	OCESS FOR PROJECT EVALUATION AND) SELEC	TION
Overa	Il comment on section (if applicable):		
assess Sustai	ment conducted by UVMMC and its exten	rnal sust on track t	ain a LEED silver certification. Through a risk ainability consultant, UVMMC has confirmed to to achieve LEED Silver certification. Sustainalytics or use of green bond proceeds is robust.
Evalu	ation and selection		
\boxtimes	Defined and transparent criteria for projects eligible for Green Bond	\boxtimes	Documented process to determine that projects fit within defined categories

Other (please specify):

Information on Responsibilities and Accountability

Summary criteria for project evaluation

and selection publicly available

\boxtimes	Evaluation / Selection criteria subject to	In-house assessment
	external advice or verification	
	Other (please specify):	

3. MANAGEMENT OF PROCEEDS

proceeds

Overall comment on section (if applicable):

The UVM Finance department has sufficient oversight over the management of proceeds, and there is a formal and detailed requisition process that ensures the proceeds are used for the purposes of the LEED Inpatient facility.

Tracking of proceeds:

\times	Green Bond proceeds segregated or tracked by the issuer in a systematic manner
	Disclosure of intended types of temporary investment instruments for unallocated proceeds
	Other (please specify):



Additi	onal disclosure:		
	Allocations to future investments only	\boxtimes	Allocations to both existing and future investments
	Allocation to individual disbursements		Allocation to a portfolio of disbursements
	Disclosure of portfolio balance of unallocated proceeds		Other (please specify):
4. REP	PORTING		
	to EMMA. They will also report on verificars. UVMMC will also report impact of the bo		allocation of proceeds conducted by an external is in line with industry norms.
Use o	f proceeds reporting:		
\boxtimes	Project-by-project		On a project portfolio basis
	Linkage to individual bond(s)		Other (please specify):
Inf	ormation reported:		
	☑ Allocated amounts		GB financed share of total investment
	☐ Other (please specify):		
Fre	quency:		
	⊠ Annual] Semi-annual
	☐ Other (please specify):		



Impact	reporting:		
\boxtimes	Project-by-project		On a project portfolio basis
	Linkage to individual bond(s)		Other (please specify):
Freq	quency: TBD		
	☐ Annual		Semi-annual
	☑ Other (please specify): LEED status reports will be published quarterly; performance of the inpatient facility in relation to the established water and energy efficiency targets will be disclosed on the UVMMC website after one year of occupancy of the building		
Info	rmation reported (expected or ex-post):		
	☐ GHG Emissions / Savings	\boxtimes	Energy Savings
	☑ Other ESG indicators (please specify): Water savings; LEED status reports; receipt of LEED Silver certification		
Means	of Disclosure		
	Information published in financial report		Information published in sustainability report
	Information published in ad hoc documents	\boxtimes	Other (please specify): Allocation reporting will be published on EMMA; Energy and Water savings achieved will be published on the UVMMC website; LEED status reports will be published on website; receipt of LEED Silver certification will be disclosed to EMMA
	Reporting reviewed (if yes, please specify which	parts	
	appropriate, please specify name and date of L LINKS (e.g. to review provider methodology	•	
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	Y OTHER EXTERNAL REVIEWS AVAILABLE,) of Review provided:	IF AP	PROPRIATE
	Consultancy (incl. 2 nd opinion)		Certification
	Verification / Audit		Rating
	Other (please specify):		
Review	v provider(s): N/A Date:		



Appendix 2: University of Vermont Medical Center Commitment to Practicing Environmental Stewardship



Commitment to Practicing Environmental Stewardship

The University of Vermont Medical Center's mission is to improve the health of the people in the communities we serve by integrating patient care, education and research in a caring environment. Our vision is to be a national model for the delivery of high-quality academic health care for a rural region.

As a mission-driven non-profit with deep roots in the community, both our mission and vision are built on a foundation of values that includes a longstanding commitment to being *prudent stewards of limited natural resources*.

The University of Vermont Medical Center recognizes that the health of the community is linked to the health of the environment. The University of Vermont Medical Center therefore, will strive to ensure that the day to day operations are founded in sound environmental policies in all aspects of care delivery. The University of Vermont Medical Center will also strive to minimize its environmental footprint in the community through adherence to the following principles:

Conservation of Natural Resources

The University of Vermont Medical Center recognizes that there is a finite quantity of natural resources such as clean air, water, and land, and will conserve, recycle and re-use those resources where appropriate, as part of our commitment to the community.

Emissions Reductions

The University of Vermont Medical Center will make efforts to achieve an ongoing performance record of emissions reductions. This may include, air, water, and other waste emissions, which could have an adverse effect on the environment.

Waste Reduction

Ongoing monitoring of all categories of waste generation will continue, with associated analyses of waste volumes as related to healthcare delivery services. The University of Vermont Medical Center has already made tremendous strides in this area by reducing the volume of wastes requiring special treatment, recycling and re-using products where appropriate. The challenge will be to continue to achieve waste volume reductions in light of simultaneous and aggressive evolution and development of health care goods and services in an economically tight business environment.

Energy Conservation

The University of Vermont Medical Center will continue to identify opportunities for energy conservation in all aspects of operations, to build on the successful track record of energy conservation over the past decade.

Product Stewardship

The University of Vermont Medical Center will collaborate with its suppliers to ensure that selected health care products afford efficacy in care delivery, as well as economic and environmental performance. The University of Vermont Medical Center will continue to actively phase out the use of mercury and mercury containing products; The University of Vermont Medical Center with take the long term approach in evaluating reusable versus disposable products. Environmental impacts and resource utilization will be a factor in these decisions. A preference will be developed for products that support the principles listed herein.

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Sustainable Food

The University of Vermont Medical Center is committed to offering where feasible, locally produced, minimally processed, unrefined foods. We will adopt a sustainable approach to food procurement which is environmentally sound, farmer-safe and ecologically protective. The University of Vermont Medical Center is also committed to minimizing and beneficially reusing food waste and supporting the use of food packaging and products that are ecologically sound.

Upstream" Management System

Through the Environmental Management System The University of Vermont Medical Center will focus on the root cause of situations which lead to potential environmental problems. Root cause allows problems to be solved "upstream". In particular, The University of Vermont Medical Center will continue to educate its workforce on environmental issues, pollution prevention, and waste management. Educational efforts will promote conservation and ultimately help to minimize the environmental impact of health care byproducts. Environmental stewardship also includes educating the community we serve and promoting opportunities.

Sustainable Use of Natural Resources

The University of Vermont Medical Center will continue to develop capacity to make decisions, which are reflective of a sustainable use of natural resources. In particular, energy, water, land, and fuel use.

The University of Vermont Medical Center will strive to ensure full compliance with regulatory requirements including, but not limited to:

- All applicable U.S. EPA Regulations
- Chittenden Solid Waste District Recycling Requirements
- State and Local Requirements
- Joint Commission for the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations Standards

The University of Vermont Medical Center will continue to demonstrate improvement in environmental performance. This will be determined by a number of indicators. These may include ongoing waste audits/assessments, ongoing monitoring of recycling and re-use programs, hazardous materials use, energy, water and gas use, fuel consumption, emissions, etc.

The University of Vermont Medical Center makes this commitment to the community as part of our ongoing mission to improve the health of the communities we serve. The University of Vermont Medical Center believes that by practicing environmental stewardship, we can provide corporate leadership in our community while protecting the environment.

Signed in Support of:

Eileen Whalen, MHA, RN

President and Chief Operating Officer

12/11/15 Date

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Appendix 2: LEED Score Card for Inpatient Facility

Project Checklist - Fletcher Allen Health Care - In	patient Bed Tower	Prepa	ared by Thornton Tomasetti	20-May-16
	ossible Points: 18		erials and Resources Possible P	oints: 16
1 1	nging Rooms 1 fficient Vehicles 1 1 Regional Priority 1 Regional Priority 1 Segional Priority 1 1 2 Cooling	Y	2 PBT Source Reduction—Mercury 1.1 Building Reuse—Maintain Existing Walls, Floors, and Roof 2 Building Reuse—Maintain Interior Non-Structural Elements 2 Construction Waste Management 3 Sustainably Sourced Materials and Products 4.1 PBT Source Reduction—Mercury in Lamps 2 PBT Source Reduction—Lead, Cadmium, and Copper 5 Furniture and Medical Furnishings 6 Resource Use—Design for Flexibility Poor Environmental Quality Performance 2 Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) Control 3 Hazardous Material Removal or Encapsulation 1 Outdoor Air Delivery Monitoring 2 Acoustic Environment 1.1 Construction IAQ Management Plan—During Construction 1.2 Construction IAQ Management Plan—Before Occupancy 4 Low-Emitting Materials 5 Indoor Chemical and Pollutant Source Control 6.1 Controllability of Systems—Thermal Comfort 7 Thermal Comfort—Design and Verification	1 1 to 2 1 1 to 4 1 1 1 1 2 1 to 3
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