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City Exploring Green Initiatives for Library Project ***Stakeholders Gather for Brainstorming Session***

SEGUIN, Texas – The City of Seguin is exploring ways to incorporate green initiatives into the design of the city’s new public library. Earlier this month, the library architect and contractor met with city officials to discuss options.

During the “green charrette,” several possibilities were presented. Using recycled materials during construction and designing the building to be shaded by trees were among the basic ideas discussed. Methods to reduce water usage were presented, including low-flow restroom fixtures. Also discussed were ways to conserve energy, including energy-efficient lighting, appliances, windows and HVAC options.

“There are so many options out there to make new buildings more energy-efficient,” Seguin Public Information Officer Scott Packard said. “Some of these options are simple, others involve planning at this early stage in the process.”

The meeting was an opportunity to talk about possibilities and to begin to set priorities. Follow-up meetings will occur as the design and construction process moves forward.

About the City of Seguin

Seguin, Texas is located along Interstate 10, about 35 miles east of San Antonio. Seguin is big enough to boast a top-rated university and a state-of-the-art hospital. More than 25,000 residents enjoy a range of cultural, recreational, and employment opportunities. Seguin's robust diversified economy features a steelmaker, a manufacturer of automotive parts and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In 2009, Seguin was proud to be selected by Caterpillar as the site of a major new engine manufacturing facility.

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