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Educare center opens at Greenbridge

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The \$13 million Educare Early Learning Center of Seattle will hold a grand opening on Saturday. This is the tenth Educare center in the country and the first in Washington state.

The center has 10 classrooms as well as community gathering spaces and resources for parents and child care providers. It will offer full-day programs to 134 infants, toddlers and preschoolers, and is part of the White Center Early Learning Initiative, a demonstration site for best practices in early learning and child care that can be replicated in other communities.

The center is located in the Greenbridge community, which was developed by the King County Housing Authority.

The 44,000-square-foot building was designed by Miller Hayashi Architects and is expected to achieve LEED gold certification. Funding came from federal and state governments, private foundations and individual donors. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation provided the major lead gift.

OAC Services, Inc. provided construction advisory services to the project's major funder. The building was constructed by Kassel Construction, with project management provided by BroadView Associates.

Other team members include Karen Kiest Landscape Architects, Mary Coss of Wit Visuals, KPFF Consulting Engineers, Peter A. Opsahl Structural Engineering, Hargis Engineering, George E. Bundy & Associates and The Robinson Co.

It will be operated by the Puget Sound Educational Service District and serve children from income-eligible families and children with disabilities.

More information is available at www.wceli.org and www.psesd.org.



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