

Walgreens to Build Net Zero Energy Retail Store

Walgreens reports it plans to build what the company believes will be the nation's first net zero energy retail store, which engineers predict will produce energy equal to or greater than it consumes. Walgreens plans to achieve that by utilizing solar panels, wind turbines, geothermal technology, energy-efficient building materials, LED lighting and ultra-high-efficiency refrigeration.


"We are committed to reducing our carbon footprint and leading the retail industry in use of green technology," said Thomas Connolly, Walgreens Vice President of



An architectural rendering of Walgreens proposed net zero energy retail store. (Photo: Business Wire)

Facilities Development. "We are investing in developing a net-zero store so we can learn the best way to bring these features to our other stores. Because we operate 8,000 stores, we believe our pursuit of green technology can have a significant positive impact on the nation's environment."

The store will be located in Evanston, Ill., at the intersection of Chicago Avenue and Keeney Street, where demolition of an existing Walgreens store now is under way. The Chicago-area location will allow convenient access for Walgreens engineers based at the company's headquarters in Deerfield, Ill., to measure the store's performance for an entire year to determine if the store reaches its goal of net zero energy use.

The project is the latest of many green initiatives for the company. Walgreens currently operates two stores that have achieved a LEED certification level of gold and certified; 150 stores utilizing solar power; a store in Oak Park, Ill., using geothermal energy; a distribution center in Waxahachie, Texas, that generates energy through the use of wind; and 400 locations with electric vehicle charging stations. Walgreens stores use 25 watt fluorescent lamps (lowest wattage in the industry), LED cooler and freezer lighting and energy management systems in more than 5,000 locations. In addition, 15 Walgreens distribution centers have achieved net zero waste, which means revenues from recycling exceed waste expense. 

DMS Pharmaceutical Group's Newest Subsidiary Provides Quality Pharmacy Services to Hospitals

To assist hospitals and other acute care facilities face the many challenges that stretch their resources and limit their ability to productively manage the operation of their pharmacies, **DMS Pharmaceutical Group, Inc.**, has established a new subsidiary — **DMS Pharmacy Management, Inc.**

"Our new DMS Pharmacy Management subsidiary complements our pharmaceutical wholesale business and allows DMS to offer even more value to our customers," said Sam Lazich, President of DMS Pharmaceutical Group, Inc. "Now in the beginning stages, we expect DMS Pharmacy Management to lead to growth and expansion opportunities for both sides of our businesses."

A core service of the newly established subsidiary is DMS' ability to help acute care facilities ensure the quality of their pharmacy services by providing experienced Directors of Pharmacy to

control costs and assure the efficient and effective operation of their pharmacies.

Available around the clock, 365 days per year, DMS Management provides the following services:

- Experienced, Competent and Trustworthy Director of Pharmacy.
- Regulatory and accreditation compliance.
- Clinical coordination to track therapy utilization.
- Price negotiation for pharmaceuticals.
- Patient Assistance Programs.
- Analysis of equipment and technologies to facilitate workflow of pharmacy.
- Cost containment and quality control.
- Continuity of Care initiatives.
- Liaison for nurses and physicians.
- Continuing education and training to provide the best care for patients at the most affordable level.
- Quality Remote Pharmacy Solutions through a Third Party Provider.

"As the subsidiary of a full-line phar-



maceutical wholesaler, DMS Pharmacy Management has the in-depth understanding of the pharmaceutical supply chain and can assist in managing pharmacy operations and drug therapy costs through cost containment and quality control," Lazich said. "We can help negotiate the best prices on medications while creating a streamlined operation."

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