

## **Press Release**

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## South Florida Construction Leader Skanska LEED-ing the Way with Accredited Professionals

**FT. LAUDERDALE, Fla.** – Skanska USA Building Inc. announced today that 15 of its South Florida employees became LEED® Accredited Professionals (LEED APs).

(LEED APs are building industry professionals who have demonstrated a thorough understanding of green building and the LEED Green Building Rating System<sup>™</sup>. The LEED AP credential indicates that the professional has the knowledge and skills to facilitate the LEED certification process.

LEED Professional Accreditation is a voluntary designation achieved by more than 60,000 individuals who have passed the LEED Professional Accreditation exam. The Green Building Certification Institute recommends that LEED AP candidates have building industry knowledge, as well as experience working with green building professionals from multiple disciplines.

The employees who earned the accreditation are: Lauren Bird, Vincent Collins, Jose Cortes, Arturo Diaz, Ricardo Diaz, Tom Fawcett, Bert Fonseca, Leigh Anne Hart, Don Hergenreder, Alan Messer, Jaime Palacios, Chris Peace, Sharda Singh and Kevin Thomforde.

"To say I am proud of our staffers who have completed the certification is an understatement, said Sam Doggart, Skanska's Senior Vice President in the South Florida office and who also recently completed the certification process. "LEED APs strengthen our company's green building qualifications and will help us continue to position ourselves as one of the nation's predominant green builders."

Skanska is continually recognized as one of the nation's top green contractors and has demonstrated its commitment to environmentally sustainable practices at its recently expanded 6,500-square-foot Dania Beach, Florida office. Modifications were done to include energy efficient lighting and energy saving blinds were installed. During the expansion process, Skanska reused existing light fixtures, recycled base and crown molding, AC supply grills/returns, and about 75 percent of the millwork has been salvaged and used for the new space. In addition, most of the existing furniture was reused and/or recycled for the new offices and other projects. Also, an office recycling program has been implemented.

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Skanska is one of the world's leading construction groups with expertise in construction, development of commercial and residential projects and public-private partnerships. The Group currently has 60,000 employees in selected home markets in Europe, in the U.S. and Latin America. Headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden, and listed on the Stockholm Stock Exchange, Skanska's sales in 2007 totaled \$20 billion.