

# Press Release

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## **Local Skanska Office LEEDs the Way with Accreditations**

**Durham, N.C.** – Skanska USA Building Inc. announced today that 25 percent of employees in its Durham, North Carolina office are now LEED® Accredited Professionals (AP) – more than 60 APs in total.

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

“With more than 60 LEED APs, our employees can work hand-in-hand with the design team, the client and subcontractors to implement the LEED process smoothly, consistently and without additional personnel,” said Skanska Environmental Manager Courtney Lorenz. “With that, we demonstrate our strong commitment to sustainability by providing clients and partners with skills that differentiate us from other large commercial construction companies.”

LEED Professional Accreditation is a voluntary designation achieved by individuals who have passed the LEED Professional Accreditation exam. Though the process is voluntary, it is not a simple task. It typically takes an individual approximately 30 to 60 hours to study and train, depending on the individual’s knowledge of construction, design and sustainability prior to committing.

“What was once a specialized field five years ago is now commonplace,” said Lorenz. “As such, it’s vital that we’re able to differentiate ourselves from others in the industry and deliver a consistently high level of performance, not only within LEED, but beyond it as well.”

Skanska’s LEED Accredited Professionals are not pooled in a certain section of its organizational chart. LEED APs are spread out across the board, from the newest project engineer to more than half of its senior management team.

In addition, Skanska is the first and only construction manager in the U.S. that is ISO 14001 certified – the international third party certification for an environmental management system. And, Skanska completed the first two LEED Silver-certified projects in N.C. – EPA's National Computer Center and Duke University's Fitzpatrick Center for Interdisciplinary Engineering, Medicine and Applied Sciences.

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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.