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## **Architectural Group International Adds New Member to LEED Team**

Covington, KY – April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – Architectural Group International (AGI), a leading architectural and interior design firm headquartered in Covington, KY, is pleased to announce that Andrea Shelton has passed the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Professional Accreditation exam and is now a LEED Accredited Professional for Commercial Interiors. "Andrea joins the team of LEED AP professionals in leading AGI's 'green' initiative," according to an announcement made today by David A. Thiel, AIA Principal of AGI.

"Andrea has continued to grow as a valuable employee with our team at AGI and this is another step in her development as a designer," said Thiel. "The LEED certification is a valuable tool that our clients will be utilizing more to maintain a healthy environment for the future."

LEED Professional Accreditation distinguishes building professionals with the knowledge and skills to successfully steward the LEED certification process. Developed by United States Green Building Council, LEED addresses all building types and emphasizes state-of-the-art strategies for sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials and resources selection, and indoor environmental quality. LEED is a practical rating tool for green building design and construction that provides immediate and measurable results for building owners and occupants. LEED Accredited Professionals have demonstrated a thorough understanding of green building practices and principles and the LEED Rating System.

"As a LEED Accredited professional I am proud to offer our clients LEED services," said Shelton. "By applying green strategies to design projects, our clients positively impact the environment and human health. The implementation of green design strategies can occur at any stage of a project including design, construction, renovation, and deconstruction. As a result, almost any design project can incorporate LEED processes, and thus positively impact our world. I look forward to partnering with and assisting clients in achieving their LEED goals."

About AGI: Established in 1997, Architectural Group International provides a wide variety of design, documentation, and program management services for the retail, entertainment, and hospitality industries. The firm promotes cutting edge design concepts that provide flexible, unique, and lasting solutions for its clients. AGI is registered in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Ontario, British Columbia, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Abu Dhabi. The firm is also currently involved in projects in Dubai, Great Britain, Mexico, Guatemala, and El Salvador.

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