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Architectural Group International Congratulates its Newest LEED® Accredited Professional

Covington, KY – March 30th, 2009 – Architectural Group International (AGI), a leading architectural and interior design firm headquartered in Covington, KY, is pleased to announce that Laura Omeltschenko has passed the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Professional Accreditation exam and is now a LEED® Accredited Professional for Commercial Interiors.

"AGI is extremely proud of Laura's achievement. This reinforces our company's commitment to designing buildings that promote an environmentally sustainable future," said David A. Thiel, Principal of Architectural Group International. "Laura's accreditation will be an additional resource our clients can utilize for their projects when they earn certification and maximize LEED credits."

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.

"Industry trends are rapidly moving toward increased sustainability and environmental sensitivity," said Omeltschenko. "This accreditation will allow us to successfully guide our clients through the LEED certification process. We will now not only be able to design aesthetically pleasing and functional spaces, but will be able to maximize energy efficiency and create more healthy indoor environments, which in turn, can lead to increased productivity and staff morale."

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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