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Project Managers Hofmeister and Kolles Earn LEED® Certification in New Construction from U.S. Green Building Council

MINNEAPOLIS, MN (May 12, 2009) Abe Hofmeister, Senior Project Manager, and Blaine Kolles, Project Manager, recently earned LEED® Certification in New Construction from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC).

According to the USGBC, LEED Professional Accreditation distinguishes building professionals with the knowledge and skills to successfully steward the LEED certification process. LEED Accredited Professionals have demonstrated a thorough understanding of green building practices and principles and the LEED Rating System. LEED accreditation is awarded to building industry practitioners who successfully demonstrate these proficiencies on a comprehensive exam. The LEED Green Building Rating System is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings.

A seasoned professional with more than ten years of industry experience, Hofmeister worked for both The Rottlund Company and JE Dunn Construction prior to joining Welsh in 2008, where he estimates and manages senior housing, multi-family and design-build projects.

Kolles joined Welsh Construction in 2006 and also has over ten years of industry experience. He oversees tenant improvement projects for Welsh.

Hofmeister and Kolles join the ranks of three Welsh colleagues with LEED AP Certifications: Cassie Johnson, Project Manager, Welsh Construction; Greg Dalbec, Project Manager, Genesis Architecture and Eric Dueholm, Vice President, Corporate Services, NAI Welsh.

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