



STREET DIXON RICK  
*Architecture, PLC*

**MIDDLE TENNESSEE USGBC AWARDS  
“GREEN STAR AWARD – CORPORATE  
CONTRIBUTION” TO STREET DIXON RICK  
ARCHITECTURE, PLC**



NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Street Dixon Rick Architecture received the Green Star Award for Corporate Contribution from the Middle Tennessee chapter of the US Green Building Council (USGBC) recently, primarily for the firm’s investment in solar energy.

The Green Star Award is presented each year to an individual, company or project that has represented the chapter’s mission by promoting principles of sustainable design and construction.

Accepting the award for the firm were Stephen Rick, AIA, LEED-AP, and Baird Dixon, AIA, LEED-AP, the two principals at Street Dixon Rick Architecture, PLC.

“We’re honored by this important recognition from our peers,” Rick said. “We invested in solar energy at our offices because we believed it’s the right thing to do. It’s a nice surprise to win an award from our peers and it was completely unexpected.”

“Volatile energy prices have also made the general public more aware of how sustainable design practices impact our lives. For our part, we made the investment in solar panels for our firm’s offices in February 2007. Our website features a solar monitor where people can view the power our system is generating at any given time,” Rick said.

“The most interesting part about what’s taken place over the last few years is that some of the fundamentals of architecture – like proper siting, passive heating and cooling and daylighting – have been given more attention because they are also fundamental parts of the LEED scoring system,” Rick said. “Over the past few years, what’s happened is that LEED, the USGBC measurement system, has become part of everyday conversations. The LEED system has actually been in place for many years now and more and more clients are interested in buildings designed along these principles.”

"We predict that the day will come when these practices become a baseline standard for many buildings. Universities and schools have been especially interested in sustainable design, as are many of the newest graduates from architecture school who have joined our profession over the past several years," Rick said. Street Dixon Rick Architecture's entire architectural staff has earned LEED accreditation, except for the newest staff member, a recent graduate who plans to take the exam.

For a complete list of 2008 Green Star Award Winners, visit:

<http://chapters.usgbc.org/middletn>.

The Corporate Contribution award was given to Street Dixon Rick "for the company's significant investment in renewable energy for its office, providing an on-the-ground example of environmental responsibility and financial viability." Awards were presented in early November during the Middle Tennessee USGBC Gala.

### ***Street Dixon Rick Architecture, PLC***

*Street Dixon Rick Architecture, PLC, offers an award-winning approach for creating designs and master plans for universities and schools, churches, and performance halls. The firm has taken a leadership role in sustainable design and predicts LEED\* accreditation will become standard for the profession. The firm believes in creating collaborative relationships with building teams.*

*\*(Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, a building rating system by the USGBC.)*

### ***USGBC Nashville Chapter***

*The USGBC Middle Tennessee Chapter's mission includes advancing buildings that are environmentally responsible, profitable and healthy places to live and work. The USGBC's vision is that buildings and communities will regenerate and sustain the health and vitality of all life within a generation. Our vision is to create awareness and educate building owners/developers, local and state government agencies, architects, engineers, contractors, and product manufacturers within the regional construction community.*