

Street Dixon Rick Architecture team achieves 100 percent Accreditation from US Green Building Council

Nashville, Tenn. – The entire architect team at Street Dixon Rick Architecture, PLC, has achieved LEED accreditation from the U.S. Green Building Council, the firm announced today. LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED).

“This is a landmark achievement and we’re very pleased with the dedication and commitment from our team to achieve 100 percent accreditation,” said Stephen Rick, firm principal.

“We continue to predict LEED accreditation will become the new standard for all architects and we’re very pleased that our team decided to LEED the way, pun intended,” said Baird Dixon, firm principal.

Chip Jones, AIA, LEED-AP; and Sarah Dexheimer, Assoc. AIA, LEED-AP, most recently earned accreditation, joining LEED-AP accredited firm members Stephen Rick, Baird Dixon, Carly Wansing, Beth Chappell, Steve Clendenin, and Crispin Mathias+Fisher. Street Dixon Rick Architecture has long been a sponsor of the US Green Building Council Middle Tennessee chapter. In addition, Rick serves on TennesseeGreen.com Advisors, part of The Tennessean’s green website.

“Incorporating smart design principles, including LEED-related concepts, just makes sense,” Dixon said. “We have plans in the works for a LEED registered building in Franklin and a major LEED Silver design project underway in Huntingdon, PA, for Juniata College,” Dixon said. The Franklin project is expected to become the first LEED registered building in Franklin, TN.

Smart architecture that works in tandem with nature is something Street Dixon Rick’s architects believe in wholeheartedly. The firm principals made a series of investments to make Street Dixon Rick’s 1970s-era offices more energy-efficient, including the installation of 72 massive solar panels to help fuel the office’s electricity and actually provide energy back to Nashville Electric Service (NES).

Rick and Dixon recently gave speeches and led panels about innovation in sustainable architecture for the U.S. Green Building Council, Leadership Middle Tennessee and the Society for Marketing Professional Services.

Dixon leads a panel for an international meeting of university planners in Montreal in July. The topic, “The Commons: An Innovative First Year Living/Learning Community,” covers LEED Silver certified residence halls at a major university.

Dixon led the design team for The Commons, which will house 1,600 first-year students, making it one of the largest green residential complexes in Tennessee. Dixon is quick to credit the design and construction team with the hard work that goes into registration and certification to achieve LEED Silver, a process that requires a multitude of tough decisions. Dixon also says it took the entire team's dedication to deliver some phases ahead of schedule, providing a major benefit to the university's revenue stream.

LEED Silver building construction time-lapse video can be seen at:

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