



Street Dixon Rick's Crispin Mathias + Fisher earns Building Information Modeling (BIM) / Revit 2010 certification

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Crispin Mathias + Fisher, Assoc. AIA, LEED AP, has earned both associate and professional certification in Autodesk REVIT 2010, one of the revolutionary building information modeling (BIM) programs that represents the future of many design and construction projects.

If you've ever wondered how those multi-dimensional computer-generated images are produced – before the first spade of dirt is turned – this is the software that designers and architects use to create them. The images are vastly more complex than they appear to the lay person. BIM technology is playing an increasingly important role as design teams seek to improve efficiency and productivity.

One recent regional example is the Middle Tennessee State University Student Union, a LEED® registered project where Street Dixon Rick Architecture and project team members are providing a multitude of rich, detailed images created with Revit. The process assists designers as they create a virtual, digital design that enables building team members, especially owners, contractors and architects, to exchange critical information earlier in the process. Owners “see” how the building will take shape.

“While the software has existed for several years, certification at this level is an extraordinary accomplishment and we're very pleased. We trust that our clients will ultimately be the ones who benefit,” said Baird Dixon, AIA, LEED AP, firm principal.

Mathias + Fisher recently attended Autodesk University in Las Vegas, along with professionals from several countries. A 2009 study, commissioned by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, notes that BIM could play a vital role in improving construction productivity and cites BIM as one of five “breakthrough” opportunities that could improve efficiency and productivity.

Street Dixon Rick Architecture, PLC believes in early collaboration on all design projects. The firm has established a nationally recognized leadership role in sustainable design. Rather than create a separate division for sustainable architecture, 100 percent of Street Dixon Rick's professional staff is LEED® accredited.* This provides all clients with the knowledge they need to achieve high performing buildings. Notable recent projects using Revit include the MTSU Student Union, The Boys & Girls Club of Franklin/Williamson County, HG Hill Center on Charlotte Pike, Pleasant Hill Community Church and The Laurel School in Shaker Heights, Ohio.

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