

PARE Employees Earn LEED Accreditation (6/15/2009)



Pare Corporation is proud to announce that three employees recently passed the accreditation exam to attain the designation of LEED Accredited Professional. Pamela M. Sherrill, AICP, Scott D. Lindgren, P.E., and Cari L. Powers, P.E., are the first PARE employees to achieve this accreditation and advance PARE's goal of incorporating—through education, training, and cultural change—a mindset within the firm and amongst our employees that encourages sustainable design in the performance of our assignments. This corporate mindset will transfer to the professional services we provide our clients by utilizing many planning, permitting, design tools, and best development practices to enable clients to integrate voluntary initiatives for “green” development with regulatory compliance.

PARE has already been involved in the certification process for several LEED-certified building projects. The Hope Dining Hall at the University of Rhode Island achieved LEED accreditation at the Silver level in 2009. Silver LEED certifications are currently pending for two other PARE projects at URI: the new Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences and the new College of Pharmacy building. PARE is also the civil engineering firm for the mixed-use redevelopment of the Bourne Mill in Tiverton, RI, which is seeking the LEED Certified-level rating.

In addition, PARE routinely uses sustainable precepts in the planning and design of a variety of projects, ranging from urban design, community plans, schools and commercial facilities to dams and parks. Project design features include sediment and nutrient pretreatment with vegetated swales, rain gardens, green roofs, groundwater infiltration, porous pavement, and renewable energy sources.

The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System is a voluntary, consensus-based national rating system for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings. LEED addresses all building types and emphasizes state-of-the-art strategies in five areas: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials and resources selection, and indoor environmental quality. LEED Accredited Professionals (LEED APs) have demonstrated a thorough understanding of green building techniques, the LEED Green Building Rating System, and the certification process. The LEED AP program is administered by the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI), which was established with the support of USGBC to allow for objective, balanced management of the credentialing program.



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