



The Burns Companies

Real Estate Development Consultants

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Andrew Burns and Dee Regan of The Burns Companies Receive LEED AP and Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official (MCPPO) Accreditation

Medford, MA August 3, 2009: The Burns Companies, a real estate development services company for commercial and investor-owned properties, today announce that founder Andrew Burns and associate Dee Regan have received LEED Accredited Professional (AP) and Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official (MCCPO) Accreditation. Burns and Regan were certified by the US Green Building Council (USGBC) in LEED AP for New Construction & Major Renovations Credentials which provides a standard for professionals participating in the design and construction phases of high-performance, healthful, durable, affordable, and environmentally sound commercial, institutional, and high-rise residential buildings. Regan received accreditation by the Massachusetts Office of the Inspector General as Certified Public Purchasing Official (MCPPO), which sets standards for professionalism and excellence in public procurement.

“As carbon footprint ratings gain importance along with procurement challenges to support these goals, achieving LEED AP and MCPPO credentials are important for our business,” stated Andrew Burns, Founder and President of The Burns Companies. “We act as owner’s representatives for our clients which means we make critical buying and spending decisions, especially as it relates to environmental impact. Both status’ enables us to consult effectively with owners, design professionals, and contractors who require guidance on achieving LEED status and on following MCPPO guidelines for projects and we focus our efforts on meeting these standards as each project requires.”

About LEED AP

Organized through the United States Green Building Council, LEED Accredited Professionals (LEED APs) are building industry professionals who have demonstrated a thorough understanding of green building and the LEED® Green Building Rating System™. The LEED AP credential indicates that the professional has the knowledge and skills to facilitate the LEED certification process. LEED Professional Accreditation is a voluntary designation achieved by over 80,000 individuals who have passed the LEED Professional Accreditation exam. The Green Building Certification Institute recommends that LEED AP candidates have building industry knowledge, as well as experience working with green building professionals from multiple disciplines. For more information, visit: www.usgbc.org.

About MCPPO

The Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official (MCPPO) Program has been established to promote professionalism and excellence in public procurement, preparing participants to make best value procurements for their jurisdictions. In the program, participants learn:

- * cost-effective, ethical, and modern purchasing practices,
- * dialogue and exchange of ideas and best practices among procurement officials,
- * stewardship of resources in the public's interest, and
- * compliance with Massachusetts contracting laws.

The program has been developed in consultation with public purchasing officials, including members of the Massachusetts Public Purchasing Officials Association, the Massachusetts Association of School Business Officials, and the City Solicitors and Town Counsel Association. For more information, visit <http://www.mass.gov/ig/mcppo/igmcppo.htm>.

About The Burns Companies

For well over 30 years, The Burns Companies (TBC) provide real estate development consulting services for the multi-family residential, retail, commercial and industrial real estate sectors. TBC acts as an owner's representative for clients and removes the daily management burden of real estate projects, becoming the primary contact for all parties and drives the execution of capital projects. With a staff of LEED Accredited Professionals, TBC helps maximize efficiencies and sustainable practices, and minimize overall environmental impact for real estate projects. With proven approaches that get the job done, TBC ensures their clients make the most cost effective decisions and keep the project on schedule and within budget. For more information, visit <http://www.theburnscompanies.com>.

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