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Elyse Martin of BartonPartners Becomes LEED Accredited



April 2008, Norristown – Elyse Martin, Architectural Designer with BartonPartners in Norristown, PA, recently achieved LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) accreditation through the U.S. Green Building Council. LEED promotes sustainable design and development; the accreditation program recognizes professionals understanding and application of green building principles and practices.

Ms. Martin is the firm’s sixth employee to become a LEED® Accredited Professional. “I’ve wanted to be an architect ever since I was old enough to say the word ‘architect’,” says Ms. Martin. She became interested in sustainable design practices while attending Philadelphia University, where she earned her Bachelor of Architecture in 2006.

Elyse attended preparatory classes and studied for the exam with several co-workers, earning her accreditation on April 12, 2008. “In addition to providing design guidance for new buildings, LEED training equips me to think differently about traditional building design and construction. As a young professional, I think it is my responsibility to embrace building practices that lead to more efficient buildings and a healthier human environment,” says Ms. Martin.

“Elyse’s LEED accreditation is very exciting, both for her and for BartonPartners,” said firm principal Tom Barton. “Environmentally conscious design has always been a hallmark of our practice, and we are delighted that Elyse is personally committed to sustainable development as well.”

Ms. Martin’s work has primarily focused on multifamily projects, including apartment and townhome design. She has also been a team member for an office design and a Habitat for Humanity design-build project. “I enjoy working on diverse types of projects, especially projects where I’m able to express my opinion in the hands-on design process,” she says.

Ms. Martin is originally from Dover, DE, and currently resides in the Roxborough section of Philadelphia.

About the Firm:

BartonPartners is a fully integrated architectural and planning firm, recognized nationally for its innovations in design, with a staff of nearly sixty architects, planners, designers, and landscape designers. Founded in 1990 and committed to facilitating conscientious development, the practice originated in residential development in the Middle Atlantic region, and has evolved to include mixed-use and transit-oriented design, commercial and retail architecture, single- and multi-family projects, 50+ lifestyle communities, adaptive reuse and rehabilitation of existing structures, and urban infill development throughout the United States.