

ABA Architects' Edwards Becomes LEED Professional

Paul Edwards, RA, passed his exam and became ABA Architects' fourth LEED-accredited professional. LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. LEED's Green Building Rating System is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high-performance green buildings.

Said Edwards, "Throughout my career, I have always tried to achieve designs that respect the environment. I am gratified to know that there is now, through the USGBC (U.S. Green Building Council) and the LEED standards, a yardstick to measure the relative success of sustainable design in buildings. One can now compare green apples to green apples, so to speak."

ABA Architects prides itself on the environmentally pleasing aesthetics of its building designs, and the LEED program has been encouraged by ABA Architects principal Kim Fernandez, AIA, LEED AP. The firm believes this education in environmental design is important for all staff members as each one is more aware of their ability to be a leader in green building.

