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Peter Basso Associates Announces Four New LEED Accredited Professionals

Troy, Michigan, April 2, 2009 – Peter Basso Associates (PBA) is pleased to announce that the following individuals have passed the U.S. Green Building Council's examination and are now LEED Accredited Professionals (LEED AP): Robert N. Roop, CPD, Principal; Kristin M. Schulte, PE, Project Leader, Andrew F. Luzenski, PE, Project leader; Jessica L. Kimmel, Mechanical Engineer, bringing the firms total to 22. The LEED AP credential represents the individual's knowledge of the LEED Rating System and its application in practice. LEED APs facilitate the integrated design process and streamlines LEED certification. PBA currently has 17 projects in various stages of design or construction expected to be LEED certified.

Roop has spent more than half of his 20 year career exclusively designing educational facilities and serves as the primary mechanical engineering technical resource for K-12 projects at Peter Basso Associates. In that capacity, he has developed efficient strategies utilizing water source and ground source heat pump systems to reduce energy consumption in school buildings encompassing all grade levels. These projects have won chapter and regional level ASHRAE Technology Awards, and have been the subject of articles in numerous publications. One such project was awarded LEED Silver status by the USGBC. Roop was instrumental in the 2007 formation of the Michigan Chapter of the Council of Educational Facility Planners International (CEFPI), and serves as its President.

Roop's experience is quite broad and includes both new construction and renovation of K-12 schools, healthcare, college and university, airport, commercial, historical, laboratory, correctional, industrial and residential projects. A few of his notable projects include Whitmore Lake New High School, Ann Arbor new Skyline High School, and Gabriel Richard New High School. Roop is a member of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers, American Society of Plumbing Engineers, National Fire Protection Association, Council of Educational Facility Planners International, and Michigan Schools Business Officials.

Schulte is responsible for the technical production of a project, including building heating and cooling load analyses; HVAC system design; production of technical drawings and specifications; product research; equipment selection and layout; and site supervision. Schulte is also well-versed in the use of a variety of computer-analysis and CAD software in project design, including AutoCAD, and HCCV.

Schulte's project experience is diverse and includes healthcare facilities, college/university facilities, chilled water plants, sports complexes, office buildings and industrial facilities. Some of her notable projects include Bell Memorial Replacement Hospital in Ishpeming, St. Mary's Southwest Surgical Center, and The University of Michigan Cyclotron Addition.

Schulte has a bachelors of Mechanical Engineering from The University of Michigan-Dearborn and is a member of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineer and Engineering Society of Detroit Society of Women Engineers.

Luzenski's engineering experience includes heating and cooling load calculations and analyses; HVAC system design; production of technical drawings and specifications; product research; equipment selection and layout; cost estimates; attendance at projects meetings; and field surveys. He has also had significant experience in the use of several engineering-related software packages, including AutoCAD, and Trace 700.

Luzenski's project experience includes new construction and renovation of existing facilities for healthcare, college/university and other clients including Western Michigan University Brown Hall Classroom Renovation, Northridge Church Addition and Renovation, and the AAA New LEED office Building in Birmingham, Michigan. Luzenski has a masters and bachelors of Mechanical Engineering from Wayne State University and is a member of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers.

Kimmel's engineering experience includes heating and cooling load calculations and analyses; HVAC system design; production of technical drawings and specifications; product research; equipment selection and layout; attendance at project meetings; and field surveys. She has had significant experience in the use of several engineering-related software packages, including AutoCAD, Trace 700 and HCCV.

Kimmel's project experience includes new construction and renovation of existing facilities including Schoolcraft College New Biomedical Technology Center, University of Detroit Mercy Chemistry Building Renovations, and Michigan State University Wharton Center Renovation. Kimmel has a bachelors of Mechanical Engineering from the University of Detroit Mercy and is a member of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers.

Peter Basso Associates is a consulting engineering firm specializing in the design of technically challenging, sustainable and high performance mechanical/electrical systems primarily to the Education, healthcare/Laboratory, and Corporate/Governmental markets. Headquartered in Troy, Michigan, the firm also has offices in Ann Arbor, Michigan; Las Vegas, Nevada; and Phoenix, Arizona.

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