

Hole Montes' Commitment to Sustainable Design

In addition to Hole Montes' vast experience in traditional civil engineering design, members of Hole Montes' highly qualified staff are LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Accredited Professionals who are able to bring Sustainable Design criteria to your next project.

United States Green Building Council LEED certification and Hole Montes' Florida Green Building Coalition certification allow the firm to provide clients with designs that are sensitive to the protection of the environment and our natural resources, as well as the health, safety, and welfare of those who will utilize the developments planned and engineered by Hole Montes and its clients.

"Our staff's LEED accreditation and Florida Green Building Coalition certification will give Hole Montes a strategic advantage in the Southwest Florida engineering market with the current sustainability focus in the marketplace," said Thomas M. Taylor, P.E., President and CEO of Hole Montes, Inc. "Any project which has been nominated for certification must meet certain prerequisites and performance benchmarks, including at least one LEED Accredited Professional on its design team. With a very limited number of such professionals in the Southwest Florida market, Hole Montes can help you reach your sustainable design goals and objectives."

In order to achieve LEED certification, a design project must meet specific criteria for site selection and planning; development density; community connectivity; preservation and restoration of open space; water conservation of potable water using treated graywater and blackwater; stormwater management; and other areas which involve land planning, landscape architecture and civil engineering related services which Hole Montes can provide. The various levels of certification available add value to a project and increase marketing potential.

Florida Governor, Charlie Crist, signed an Executive Order in Miami, Florida on July 13, 2007, requiring the Department of Management Services to adopt LEED for New Construction standards for all of the Department's new buildings. Additionally, Governor Crist is requiring The Department of Management Services to implement LEED standards for existing buildings currently owned and operated by the Department on behalf of client agencies. The Governor's Executive Order also mandates, effective January 1, 2008, all state agencies and departments under the direction of the Governor may only contract space with hotels and conference facilities that have received "Green Lodging" certification. This will undoubtedly continue to affect all public and private projects in the future. Please visit www.USGBC.org for more information on the environmental, economical, health and community benefits of Green Building.