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YWS Architects Gets Greener Through LEED® Professional Accreditation

Las Vegas, Nevada - (July 20, 2009) — YWS Architects, one of the nation’s leaders in leisure design and architecture, is putting its green foot forward as it continues to pave the way in sustainability and environmentally-friendly building practices. Following the accreditation of Tom Wucherer, Co-founder and Principal, and Eddie Cervantes and Mike Stewart, Associate Architects, YWS now has eight Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Accredited Professionals (AP) working in the firm, with more undergoing the proper training.

Members of YWS who are currently LEED AP are:

- Eddie Cervantes
- Rainer Grubmueller
- Craig Palacios
- Vanessa Stockton
- Vanessa Fuller
- Brandon Maldonado
- Mike Stewart
- Tom Wucherer

“YWS is serious about the business of leisure and continues to evolve with the ever-changing landscape of the design industry,” said Tom Wucherer of YWS, “At YWS, we realize that creating beautiful, functional green structures is not only feasible, but also desired by our clients.”



Managed by the Green Building Certification Institute, LEED Accredited Professional is a title earned through the demonstration and understanding of green building practices and principals put forth through the LEED Rating System. LEED is recognized throughout the world as the leading system in green building certification, with goals of improving energy savings and water efficiency, reducing carbon dioxide emissions, improving indoor environmental quality and managing resources with sensitivity to their environmental impacts.

“YWS has acknowledged that whether building from the ground up, renovating, upgrading or expanding, green is no longer just a color choice, but now a requirement that must be understood and addressed,” said Wucherer.

About YWS Architects

YWS Architects, a Las Vegas-based architecture firm founded in 2001 by Tom Wucherer and Jon Sparer, is a leader in leisure design and architecture, including hospitality, gaming, dining, entertainment and fun! The firm and its management have set the bar high through its role in the design of world-class, trend-setting integrated resorts including Bellagio, Mirage and Treasure Island in Las Vegas, as well as Borgata in Atlantic City and the MGM Grand Macau. YWS is committed to transforming a plain space into a distinctive place that provides for compelling customer experiences. YWS is focused on the serious business of leisure. For more information, please visit www.ywsinternational.com.