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Arch | Nexus SAC Awarded LEED Platinum Certification

SALT LAKE CITY/SACRAMENTO (June, 2016) — Architectural Nexus, a people-driven employee-owned company, announced today that its Sacramento office has been awarded version 4 LEED Platinum Certification. The LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) rating system, developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), is one of the most popular green building certification programs used worldwide. It includes a set of rating systems for buildings that are designed, constructed, maintained and operated for improved environmental and human health performance.

This office building, dubbed Arch | Nexus SAC, expresses Arch Nexus' core values of inspiration, stewardship and regeneration. Arch Nexus employed a variety of methods and systems to achieve LEED Platinum status. The hope is that Arch | Nexus SAC will be an inspiration for others to create places that enhance the community and respect nature.

Some of the sustainable strategies employed to earn LEED Platinum certification are:

- net-positive energy design
- photovoltaic solar array
- water harvesting
- water recycling
- on-site water treatment
- daylight design
- healthy materials

More than 90,000 commercial projects are currently participating in LEED, comprising more than 19.1 billion square feet of construction space in all 50 states and more than 165 countries and territories. Arch Nexus is proud to have been awarded the highest certification level offered by the USGBC.

Arch Nexus' president, Kenner Kingston, notes "LEED version 4 represents a big step forward for the LEED rating system. Generally speaking, what used to be a platinum building in version 3 is now a gold building – so being able to hold on to platinum, the minimum expectation for our organization, is a huge accomplishment for our team."

Arch Nexus is pleased to have worked with a number of national and international experts including:

2020 Engineering - Water Re-Use Consultant
Warren Consulting - Civil Engineering
Miyamoto International - Structural Engineering
Glumac - Integrated MEP Engineering + Lighting Design
Capital Engineering - Commissioning Agent

MarketOne Builders - General Contractor
Habitat Horticulture – Living Wall Consultant
Hunt Electric – PV Consultant
Sustain3 - Occupant Engagement

"The work of innovative building projects such as Arch | Nexus SAC is a fundamental driving force in transforming the way buildings are built, design and operated," said Mahesh Ramanujam, president and CEO, USGBC. "Buildings that achieve LEED certification are lowering carbon emissions, creating a healthier environment and reducing operating costs while prioritizing sustainable practices. Because of this project, we are increasing the number of green buildings and getting closer to USGBC's goal to outpace conventional buildings, while being environmentally and socially responsible and improving the quality of life for generations to come."

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