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Lord, Aeck & Sargent's Jim Nicolow Awarded LEED Fellow Designation

*LEED Fellows represent green building industry's
most accomplished professionals*

ATLANTA, Oct. 23, 2012 – Architecture firm [Lord, Aeck & Sargent](#) (LAS) announced that the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) has named Jim Nicolow, a principal of the firm and its director of sustainability, to the 2012 class of LEED Fellows. The LEED Fellow designation is the green building industry's most prestigious professional designation, recognizing exceptional contributions to green building and significant professional achievement within the rapidly growing community of LEED Professionals.

Nicolow is among 43 of the world's most distinguished green building professionals to be selected as 2012 LEED Fellows through a peer nomination and portfolio review process. A few of Nicolow's outstanding qualifications include his LEED AP BD+C credential, 15 years of green building experience, and extensive portfolio including such exemplary projects as: the Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve's Coastal Resources Center (achieved LEED Gold certification); the Gwinnett Environmental & Heritage Center (achieved LEED Gold certification);

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and the Southface Energy Institute Eco Office (achieved LEED Platinum certification), whose passive solar design and salvaged renewable energy system earned a perfect '10-out-of-10' energy optimization points.

A nationally recognized expert on sustainable design, Nicolow leads LAS' effort to incorporate sustainable design strategies and features into the firm's design projects. He joined LAS in 1997 and became the first member of the firm to gain LEED Accreditation in 2001. He spearheaded in-house efforts to harness the use of quantitative analysis to inform the design process. He has successfully led the LEED certification of numerous projects ranging from certified level through platinum, is a frequently published author and noted presenter at national green building councils, and was named one of *Building Design & Construction* magazine's "40 under 40" in 2007.

"We're excited for Jim and his well deserved, prestigious honor," said Joe Greco, LAS president. "His leadership of our firm's green design efforts throughout the years has been instrumental in LAS being listed as number 12 in the sustainability portion of *Architect* magazine's recent 'ARCHITECT 50' rankings of the best U.S. architecture firms."

A member of both the USGBC and American Institute of Architects (AIA), Nicolow attended the University of Michigan, where he received both his master's and bachelor's degrees in architecture. He is a National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) certificate holder.

"We are thrilled to present these highly accomplished individuals with the LEED Fellow designation," said Rick Fedrizzi, USGBC president, CEO & founding chair. "The Fellows are some of the leading innovators and vanguards of the green building movement, and their bodies of work strongly underscore their commitment to LEED and a sustainable built environment."

Nicolow will be recognized with other members of the 2012 LEED Fellow class at the Greenbuild International Conference and Expo in San Francisco next month. For more information on the LEED Fellow program, please visit new.usgbc.org/leed/credentials/leed-fellow/.

About Lord, Aeck & Sargent

LAS is an award-winning architectural firm serving clients in academic, historic preservation, scientific, arts and cultural, and multi-family housing and mixed-use markets. The firm's core values are responsive design, technological expertise and exceptional service. The firm is listed as 28th in *Architect, the Magazine of the American Institute of Architects'* annual "Architect 50" ranking of U.S. architecture firms. The ranking is based on business, sustainability and design excellence/pro bono. In 2007, Lord, Aeck & Sargent was one of the first architecture firms to adopt [The 2030 Challenge](#), an initiative whose ultimate goal is the design of carbon-neutral buildings, or buildings that use no fossil-fuel greenhouse gas-emitting energy to operate, by the year 2030. Lord, Aeck & Sargent has offices in Ann Arbor, Michigan; Atlanta, Georgia; Austin, Texas; and Chapel Hill, North Carolina. For more information, visit the firm at www.lordaecksargent.com.

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