

## News Release

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### **Lord, Aeck & Sargent Associate Earns GRP Accreditation**

*Meg Needle among only 127 North Americans to achieve new  
Green Roofs for Healthy Cities designation*

ATLANTA, July 23, 2009 – Meg Needle, an associate at architecture firm Lord, Aeck & Sargent, is among the first group of 127 individuals in North America who have earned designation as an accredited Green Roof Professional (GRP) from Green Roofs for Healthy Cities (GRHC). GRP accreditation verifies that an individual has attained the level of interdisciplinary knowledge of best practices associated with the successful design, installation and maintenance of green roof systems.

Needle, who is also a LEED accredited professional and a member of the American Institute of Architects, successfully completed a GRHC multi-disciplinary exam encompassing five areas of concentration including pre-design, design, contract management, quality assurance and support, and maintenance.

At Lord, Aeck & Sargent, Needle has worked on numerous green roof projects, among them, green roof systems at the Gwinnett Environmental & Heritage Center, the Southface Eco

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Office, the Blue Ridge Parkway Destination Center and the treehouse at Camp Twin Lakes. A current green roof project is the Georgia Gwinnett College student center.

**About Lord, Aeck & Sargent**

Lord, Aeck & Sargent is an award-winning architectural firm serving clients in scientific, academic, historic preservation, arts and cultural, and multi-family housing and mixed-use markets. The firm's core values are responsive design, technological expertise and exceptional service. In 2003, The Construction Specifications Institute awarded Lord, Aeck & Sargent its Environmental Sensitivity Award for showing exceptional devotion to the use of sustainable and environmentally friendly materials, and for striving to create functional, sensitive and healthy buildings for clients. 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; and Chapel Hill, North Carolina. For more information, visit the firm at [www.lordaecksargent.com](http://www.lordaecksargent.com).

**About Green Roofs for Healthy Cities**

Green Roofs for Healthy Cities is a rapidly growing not-for-profit industry association of green roof experts in North America. Our mission is to increase the awareness of the economic, social and environmental benefits of green roofs and green walls, and other forms of living architecture through education, advocacy, professionalism and celebrations of excellence. For more information, go to [www.greenroofs.org](http://www.greenroofs.org).

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