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Ramana Koti Selected as 2019 LEED Fellow

LEED Fellows represent professionals at the top of their fields in green building design, engineering and development

ATLANTA (October 22, 2019) — Lord Aeck Sargent, a Katterra company, announces that Building Performance Expert Ramana Koti has been named a 2019 LEED Fellow by Green Business Certification Inc. ([GBCI](#)). Ramana joins 29 other LEED Fellows who represent exceptional practitioners and leaders within the green building community and have demonstrated mastery of the technical application of LEED, the world's most widely used green building rating system.

“People have always been at the heart of green buildings and this year’s LEED Fellows represent an important group of professionals who play a vital role in shaping the future of our work,” said [Mahesh Ramanujam](#), president and CEO GBCI and the U.S. Green Building Council ([USGBC](#)). “These Fellows have used LEED to deliver on key sustainability goals that have the power to improve lives and create healthier buildings and communities for us all to enjoy. Their work has contributed to the continued growth of LEED and green buildings around the world and we’re stronger because of their dedication and commitment to a better future.”

Ramana, who also holds a Building Energy Modeling Professional certification, joined LAS in early 2011. Since that time, he has contributed building performance guidance for approximately 100 projects, many of which have sought and achieved LEED certification. Ramana is a member of the design team for the Kendeda Building for Innovative Sustainable Design at Georgia Tech. The building is targeting LEED Platinum certification and Living Building Challenge certification and will be highlighted at Greenbuild 2019, taking place November 20-22 in Atlanta.

“Ramana has been an integral part of creating a culture of sustainability at Lord Aeck Sargent, providing critical analytical building science input to inform our designs; creating a Sustainability Roundtable monthly educational series and actively guiding the work of our Sustainability Forum; and advocating for green building through conference presentations, article authorship, and blogging,” said Jim Nicolow, FAIA, LEED Fellow, the firm’s Director of Sustainability. “I’m really excited to see him receive this well-deserved recognition.”

Ramana earned his Master of Science in Building Design, with a focus on Energy Performance and Climate Responsive Architecture, from Arizona State University. He earned his Bachelor of Architecture from Andhra University College of Engineering in Visakhapatnam, AP, India. He serves his local USGBC Chapter as a volunteer member of the Educational & Events Committee and was the Chair of Atlanta AIA Committee on the Environment’s Energy and Atmosphere subcommittee.

LEED Fellows are nominated by their peers and must have made at least 10 years’ worth of exceptional impact on LEED and hold an active LEED AP with specialty credential, among other requirements. The evaluation process includes extensive portfolio review and is carried out by the LEED Fellow Evaluation Committee and supported by GBCI. The LEED Fellow program was established in 2011 to recognize outstanding LEED APs who have demonstrated exceptional impacts with LEED in key mastery elements

related to technical knowledge and skill; a history of exemplary leadership in LEED; significant contributions in teaching, mentoring, or research with proven outcomes; and a history of highly impactful commitment, service, and advocacy for LEED.

The 2019 LEED Fellows will be recognized at this year's [Greenbuild International Conference and Expo](#) during the USGBC Leadership Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at the LEED-certified Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, Georgia. Visit the USGBC and GBCI websites for more information about the [LEED Fellow program](#) and [LEED credentialing](#).

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GBCI is the premier organization independently recognizing excellence in green business industry performance and practice globally. Established in 2008, GBCI exclusively administers project certifications and professional credentials and certificates within the framework of the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building rating systems, as well as the PEER standard for power systems, the WELL building standard, the Sustainable SITES Initiative (SITES), Parksmart, EDGE (Excellence in Design for Greater Efficiencies), TRUE Zero Waste certification, Investor Confidence Project (ICP) for energy efficiency retrofits and theGRESB benchmark, which is used by institutional investors to improve the sustainability performance of the global property sector. www.gbci.org.

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