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### **RAPHAEL ARCHITECTS PRINCIPALS COMPLETE AIABC LEED CERTIFICATION STUDY SEMINAR SERIES**

(Doylestown, PA) –Michael Raphael, owner and lead designer of Raphael Architects, and Gregory Frederick, project manager for Raphael Architects, recently completed the AIABC LEED™ Certification Study Seminar Series offered by the American Institute of Architects Bucks County, the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIABC).

LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) guides those in the design and construction industries through many of the environmental requirements currently in existence and includes useful quality-control tools for design and construction.

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) has established that LEED would “provide a complete framework for assessing building performance and meeting sustainability goals.”

According to the AIA’s Web site, “The USGBC’s LEED Green Building Rating System® has been adopted as a standard or guideline by dozens of state, local and federal agencies,” including the U.S. General Services Administration’s (GSA) “Facilities Standards for the Public Buildings Service (P100), which requires that all new construction and major modernization projects to be certified through the LEED program.”

Including LEED certification on a building project is becoming increasingly important in light of today’s emphasis on sustainable building practices. As a result, many regional architects, engineers, contractors and designers are seeking to become LEED certified. To obtain this certification, a candidate must sit through an arduous examination that tests an applicants knowledge on procedural requirements for certifying a building as well as the individual 7 prerequisite and 69 credit requirements available for project’s pursuing certification.

Raphael, a 1991 and 2007 past president of the AIABC, along with current President Ralph Fey, AIA and 2006 past President David Hartke, AIA, developed this seminar series to help those wishing to sit for the examination become better prepared.



The seminars included in the series attended by Raphael and Frederick include:

- Sustainable Sites
- Water Efficiency
- Energy & Atmosphere
- Materials & Resources,
- Indoor Environmental Quality
- Innovation in Design / Review

Pictured in photo: (Bottom row left to right) Greg Frederick and Mike Raphael. (Top row left to right: Tim Franklin, Charles Chichester, Lauren McHugh.