



THE INSTITUTE OF
INTERIOR DESIGN
at Southwest Florida College

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INSTITUTE OF INTERIOR DESIGN STAFF EARN LEED ACCREDITATION

Estero, FL (July 9, 2009) – Both Linda Petersen, Program Manager of Interior Design and Kathy Hedrich, full-time Interior Design Instructor for the Institute of Interior Design at Southwest Florida College, have earned their Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Accreditation.

“It is very exciting to represent a professional organization that has become the front runner for sustainable design building,” said Kathy Hedrich, Interior Design Instructor for the Institute of Interior Design at Southwest Florida College. “It is also wonderful to have the knowledge to pass on to our students to help them stay on the cutting edge of design.”

LEED Accreditation is nationally recognized by the Green Building Certification Institute. Obtaining this accreditation signifies that an individual has attained advanced knowledge in sustainable design, construction and operational practices that are integrated to maximize both economic and environmental performance of the built environment.

The Institute of Interior Design at Southwest Florida College is one of the few schools nationwide that offer a sustainable design unit. The college also is the only institute of higher learning that provides its students with the only Green Design project library in all of South Florida.

“We are proud to be one of the few schools in the nation that is teaching sustainable or green design, and feel it is giving our students an advantage over students from other schools when entering the job market,” said Linda Peterson, Program Manager of Interior Design for the Institute of Interior Design at Southwest Florida College.

For more information about the Institute of Interior Design at Southwest Florida College and its classes offered, call toll-free 888-526-7973 or visit www.instituteofinteriordesign.com today.

The Institute of Interior Design at Southwest Florida College is an accredited private, nonprofit institution located within the International Design Center in Estero, Fla. It offers an unparalleled learning environment by surrounding its students with experienced professional designers, exceptional working materials and the resources needed to realize a future in interior design. For more information, call toll-free 888-526-7973 or visit www.instituteofinteriordesign.com.