

Minuta Architecture Firm Project Manager Earns Accreditation



Joseph G. Thompson

Joseph J. Minuta, lead architect and founder of Minuta Architecture PLLC in New Windsor, announced that firm project manager Joseph G. Thompson has earned the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) professional accreditation. LEED is the industry standard for green building and recognizes building professionals who have exhibited the knowledge and skills necessary to successfully steward the LEED certification process. LEED Accredited Professionals (LEED APs) have demonstrated a thorough understanding of green building practices and principles and the LEED rating system. A graduate of SUNY Alfred's architectural technology program, Thompson has made sustainabil-

ity and environmentally responsible building and design a focus of his architectural education and professional career. To become a LEED AP, Thompson passed the LEED certification exam, which tests an individual's understanding of green building practices and principles, and familiarity with LEED requirements, resources, and processes.

"We are very proud of Joe and his accomplishment," said Minuta. "His knowledge and practice of environmentally-responsible design is a great benefit to our firm and the clients we serve. LEED certified projects blend environmental, economic, and occupant-oriented performance," Minuta continued. "They cost less to operate and maintain and have greater energy and water efficiency – a win-win for the occupants and our environment."

Thompson is currently continuing his study of green design and building at Boston Architectural College where he is pursuing a graduate degree.

"Architects must do their part to ensure the future well-being of our environment," he said. "LEED certified buildings have been shown to have greater resource efficiency, and enhanced health and productivity for the occupants, without costing significantly more to build."