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Marc Truant & Associates project receives the first LEED Silver Certification for a Private Residence in the Boston Area

August 9, 2007 – The first LEED Silver Certification for a home in the Boston Area was announced by the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED for Homes[®] Pilot Program. Marc Truant & Associates, Inc. construction managers collaborated with architect Matt Anderson-Miller of Anderson-Miller Design on this residence to ensure all criteria were met on behalf of the homeowners. The Conservation Services Group, a LEED for Homes[®] Pilot Program administrator, independently inspected and tested this project.

The homeowners valued the success of the project and the process:

“We appreciate the attentiveness and integrity of your team. Your project manager and superintendent worked hard to have things done to a phenomenal, high-quality standard. We don't imagine there are an abundance of clients who can rave about their contractors after such an intense building experience, but we certainly can.”

Marc Truant & Associates, Inc. was three months into construction when the U.S. Green Building Council launched its LEED for Homes[®] Pilot Program and selected this project as one of the first private houses to be included. The owners wanted a home that had as little negative impact on the environment as possible – during construction, and throughout the life of the house. The project achieved sustainability goals for the home using innovative solutions, including staves from recycled wine barrels to build the home's redwood deck, an underground rainwater storage system sized to offset the entire summer irrigation demand (32,000 gallon capacity), and a solar electric (9.9 kW photovoltaic) system which generates up to 10,000 watts daily and, on low demand days, feeds electricity back toward the grid. In addition, the demand for sustainable solutions increased environmental awareness and responsiveness in the builder material supply chain; once special order and long-lead-time materials are now widely and readily available from local sources.

Marc Truant & Associates, Inc. achieved a recycling rate of 87% for all waste materials on this project, a figure well over national standards. One of the Truant project managers explained, *“Everyday you arrived at the site and the first thing you saw were the recycle dumpsters. It set the tone - everyone knew this was a green site from top to bottom.”*

Additional “green” technology and material used in the accelerated 12 month construction of this home included Forest Stewardship Council certified millwork and trim, reclaimed wood from building and industrial salvage, 94% fuel efficient condensing Viessmann boilers for radiant floor and central air heat, dual flush toilets, gypsum wall board with 98% recycled content, low VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds) adhesive, paint, lumber, finishes and furnishings for healthier indoor environment, and a super-insulated and air-tight building envelope of one layer Icynene spray-in foam insulation and two air barrier membranes.

Marc Truant & Associates, Inc. specializes in providing preconstruction planning and construction management services for institutional, residential and commercial clients in the Boston area. Founded over twenty years ago by architect Marc Truant, the company has a commitment to quality, which has garnered the firm a number of awards and a reputation for excellence in both large and small scale building projects. For more information, and to view this project and others, visit the website at www.mtruant.com.

Andersen-Miller Design is a client-centered architecture and interior design firm dedicated to green design. Based in Los Angeles, the principals have pursued sustainable architecture and design for over twenty years and have built homes in environmentally sensitive areas throughout the United States. For more information visit www.andersenmillerdesign.com

The USGBC LEED for Homes certification program is recognized by federal agencies, state and local governments as the industry standard of measurement for green building. A complete list of the LEED® for Homes Pilot Providers can be found on the USGBC website at: www.usgbc.org/leed/homes