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AUSONIO ANNOUNCES NEW LEED ACCREDITED PROFESSIONAL

Jim Staniec, Senior Project Manager, earns LEED AP designation at leading Green Building firm

CASTROVILLE, California – December 16, 2008 –Jim Staniec, Senior Project Manager with Ausonio Incorporated, has become a LEED Accredited Professional with the U.S. Green Building Council after passing the LEED AP exam for new construction. He is currently managing two LEED® projects, including Monterey College of Law's Community Justice Center, which is targeting LEED® Platinum certification.

A licensed General Contractor since 1986, Staniec has over 30 years experience in managing the development and construction of various complex building operations. As Senior Project Manager with Ausonio Incorporated, he was responsible for completing the construction of Stage I of the Monterey College of Law facility conversion. He is currently managing the construction of several buildings that are targeting various levels of LEED® certification. An Ausonio Incorporated employee since 2000, Staniec earned a LEED AP credential by passing the LEED Accreditation Professional Exam for new construction offered through the U.S. Green Building Certification Institute.

"This achievement allows another member of our team to offer our clients their expertise to facilitate the LEED certification process," said Andrew Ausonio, president of Ausonio Incorporated. "We are pleased that Jim has earned this distinction."

In 1993, the U.S. Green Building Council created the LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System, the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high-performance Green buildings. LEED Accredited Professionals (LEED APs) are building industry professionals who have demonstrated a thorough understanding of green building and the LEED® Green Building Rating System™. The LEED AP credential indicates that the professional has the knowledge and skills to facilitate the LEED certification process.

Ausonio Incorporated, located in Castroville, California, has been serving the tri-county since 1959 and has become the area leader in Green Building. A Design-Build and construction firm, its clients range from commercial to residential.

For more information about Ausonio Incorporated and green building, please call (831) 633-3371 or visit www.ausonio.com. To learn more about the U.S. Green Building Council, visit www.gbci.org.

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About Ausonio Incorporated

Ausonio Incorporated has been the trusted leader in design and construction on California's Central Coast since 1959. More than just a general construction firm, this family-owned and operated company takes pride in its commitment to integrity, providing clients with a skilled team of professionals while delivering a product of the highest quality. With a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) accredited professionals on staff, Ausonio Incorporated is setting the standard for green building in Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties—designing and building healthier buildings for our community. Ausonio Incorporated received the 2007 Associated General Contractors of California *Constructor Award* in the Innovative Use of Materials category for the construction of Chartwell School in Seaside, California.