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AUSONIO INCORPORATED FIRST CERTIFIED GREEN BUILDER IN MONTEREY COUNTY
Monterey Bay Area Green Business Program Recognizes Environmentally Responsible Businesses

CASTROVILLE, Calif. – June 9, 2008 – Ausonio Incorporated is the first construction firm in Monterey County to be certified as a Green Builder through the Monterey Bay Area Green Business Program. In addition, Ausonio Incorporated recently received certification as a Green Business under the same program. The Monterey Bay Area Green Business Program recognizes local businesses that meet or exceed environmental standards for preventing pollution and conserving resources.

Launched in 2004 by Santa Cruz and Monterey County public agencies and nonprofit organizations, the Green Business Program assists, recognizes and promotes businesses that choose to operate their businesses in a more environmentally responsible way. Businesses seeking to be certified "green" must meet or exceed environmental standards for conserving resources, preventing pollution and minimizing waste, and comply with all environmental regulations. Practices include reducing water consumption, retrofitting lights and other equipment to conserve energy, reducing solid waste going to landfill by minimizing waste and recycling, and implementing practices that reduce pollution and protect worker safety.

"We are thrilled to receive this distinction," says Joe Piedimonte, LEED-accredited professional in New Construction, Renovations and Existing Buildings, and green building project manager of Ausonio Incorporated. "We are committed to operating a green business, and designing and building healthier buildings to create a healthier community."

Ausonio Incorporated serves clients ranging from commercial to residential, and was the recipient of the California Association of General Contractors' *Constructor Award* in 2007 in recognition of their innovation in materials for the construction of Chartwell School. The school is the first newly constructed campus in the nation to receive LEED Platinum certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). LEED supports building sustainability by focusing on five vital areas: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection, and indoor environmental quality. Ausonio Incorporated headquarters and offices in Castroville, CA, are presently seeking gold certification.

For more information on Ausonio Incorporated and green building, please call (831) 633-3371 or visit www.ausonio.com. To learn more about the Monterey Bay Area Green Business Program, go to www.montereybaygreenbusiness.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 professional 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.