

## Knittel and Marianovits of Calamar receive their LEED AP certification

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According to Calamar, two of the company's employees, Harold Knittel from the Wheatfield office and Trish Marianovits from Calamar Canada, have received certification as Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) accredited professionals (AP).

This official recognition is given to individuals who have demonstrated a thorough understanding of green building practices and principles and the LEED Rating System.

Knittle and Marianovitz are now formally recognized for their knowledge of the LEED rating system and permitted to use the LEED AP acronym after their name, indicating they have passed the accreditation exam given by the Green Building Certification Institute. This accreditation enables an individual to facilitate the rating of buildings with the various LEED systems.

"Trish and Harold worked very hard to become Calamar's first LEED accredited professionals. Their accomplishments are a testament to their commitment not only to their own personal development, but to the strategic planning of our organization as well," said Tom Weeks, executive VP of construction.

Calamar's construction division specializes in site-cast concrete tilt-up construction in which the floor slab is poured first and used as the casting bed for all wall panels. This method of construction provides many benefits over conventional construction and offers a potential of up to 21 points of the required 26 points to qualify towards LEED certification.

Calamar is a full-service real estate firm comprised of construction, development, property management and finance & investment divisions for commercial and large-scale residential properties in the Northeast & Midwest regions. Calamar is headquartered in Wheatfield and has offices in Omaha, Nebraska, Miami, Fla., Woburn, Mass. and Hamilton & Toronto, Ont. For more information, contact Kathy Griffiths at (716) 693.0006, ext. 211 or kgriffiths@calamar.com

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