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**BICSI® WORKS WITH U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL TO CREATE LEED® TECHNOLOGY CREDITS**

Tampa, Fla., October 10, 2008— BICSI is currently working with the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) to develop strategies for the recognition of technology infrastructure related innovation credits in the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building certification system.

BICSI representatives including President Edward J. Donelan, RCDD, NTS, TLT, of Telecom Infrastructure Corp. and President-Elect Brian Hansen, RCDD, NTS, of Leviton Network Solutions met with USGBC's Brendan Owens, VP of LEED Technical Development in March of 2008 to create an awareness that the information transport systems (ITS) industry manufacturers and contractors have products and processes that could apply for LEED credits, if technology credits were a part of the existing LEED rating system.

"We recognized a long time ago that there were no technology credits for LEED," stated Hansen. "We are responding to requests from our membership to respond to this issue. There are various manufacturers that are producing green-friendly products and have processes in place such as technology, recycling and green friendly packaging that could apply for LEED credits, but don't because there is no placeholder within the current system for it."

Owens agreed with BICSI's concern, so he requested that BICSI create a consortium consisting of representatives from the industry in order to create the necessary technology credits for LEED. The current members of the consortium are Hansen as the Chair, Dave Labuskes, RCDD, NTS, OSP, of RTKL Associates Inc., Betty Bezos, RCDD, NTS, OSP, WD, of Bezos Technologies, and Ed Mikoski, Vice President, Standards and Business Development for the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA). Mikoski was added because of his direct involvement in helping to create an international green manufacturing certification program with the US Electronic Components Certification Board (ECCB) called IECQ QC 080000, a certification that Hansen feels will be coveted throughout the industry once the technology credits are established in the LEED rating system. Recently, a couple of members from InfoComm were added to the consortium, providing useful information for the audio/video industry.

The members of the consortium have already made comments on the existing system where possible technology credits could be included in the innovation in design section of the 2009 LEED rating system. The next meeting of the consortium will be held at the Greenbuild International Conference and Expo in Boston, Mass., in November 2008. The consortium will begin working on the technical writing of these valuable technology credits.

"As the preeminent source for the ITS industry, BICSI is proud to cooperate with the USGBC to work together toward recognition of technology in the vital role of improvement and innovation of sustainable buildings," said Donelan.

"We are very excited to be working with USGBC on this venture," added Hansen. "We recognize the need to have technology credits on a LEED-rated project. This will be a huge benefit to our membership working on LEED-certified projects."

About USGBC: The U.S. Green Building Council is a nonprofit membership organization whose vision is a sustainable built environment within a generation. Its membership includes corporations, builders, universities, government agencies, and other nonprofit organizations. Since USGBC's founding in 1993, the Council has grown to more than 17,000 member companies and organizations, a comprehensive family of LEED® green building certification systems, an expansive educational offering, the industry's popular Greenbuild International Conference and Expo ([www.greenbuildexpo.org](http://www.greenbuildexpo.org)), and a network of 78 local chapters, affiliates and organizing groups. For more information, visit [www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org).

About LEED®: The LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) green building certification system is a feature-oriented certification program that awards buildings points for satisfying specified green building criteria. The six major environmental categories of review include: Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Energy and Atmosphere, Materials and Resources, Indoor Environmental Quality and Innovation and Design. Certified, Silver, Gold, and Platinum levels of

LEED green building certification are awarded based on the total number of points earned within each LEED category. LEED can be applied to all building types including new construction, commercial interiors, core & shell developments, existing buildings, homes, neighborhood developments, schools and retail facilities. LEED for Healthcare is currently under development and is expected to be released in early 2008.

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BICSI is a professional association supporting the information transport systems (ITS) industry. ITS covers the spectrum of voice, data and video technologies. It encompasses the design, integration and installation of pathways, spaces, fiber- and copper-based distribution systems, wireless-based systems and infrastructure that supports the transportation of information and associated signaling between and among communications and information gathering devices.

BICSI provides information, education and knowledge assessment for individuals and companies in the ITS industry. We serve more than 25,000 ITS professionals, including designers, installers and technicians. These individuals provide the fundamental infrastructure for telecommunications, audio/video, life safety and automation systems. Through courses, conferences, publications and professional registration programs, BICSI staff and volunteers assist ITS professionals in delivering critical products and services, and offer opportunities for continual improvement and enhanced professional stature.

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