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**Murray One of Missouri's Only LEED Accredited Professionals**

SPRINGFIELD, MO. July 15, 2008 -- The most recent of the third generation Murray family members to join R.B. Murray Company, Ryan Murray is breaking into new and relevant commercial real estate territory. Having successfully completed coursework to achieve accreditation, Murray is one of the state's only commercial real estate professionals to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional (LEED AP) status.

Murray's accreditation furthers his family's, and R.B. Murray Company's commitment to sustainability. Murray first became interested in Green Building while taking Environmental design classes through the University of Colorado's Architectural School. He furthered his education in this field by enrolling in Sustainable Development classes through The Leeds School of Business Real Estate Program at CU. After returning home, Ryan became actively involved in the development of the TerraGreen Office Park. Located in Springfield, the landmark project is designed to showcase how Green Building can both minimize environmental impact and help the long-term bottom line.

According to the *Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI), Murray has demonstrated a thorough understanding of green building practices and principles and the LEED Green Building Rating System. As a LEED AP and real estate professional, Murray provides clients with insight into sustainable green building and development practices through the creation and implementation of universally understood and accepted tools and performance criteria.

"I am proud of the RB Murray tradition of providing insightful and innovative counsel to our client base and the greater Springfield community," said Murray, "With increasing interest in green building developments, we feel it is our responsibility to be educated and conversant in this arena."

According to the **June 2008 issue of Business Facilities Magazine, a study conducted by Brooks Rainwater, director of local relations for the American Institute of Architects (AIA) reveals that green building is now becoming the norm. "The future for green design looks bright, as we move toward a sustainable build environment that would not be possible without local leadership and strong citizen involvement," stated Rainwater. "Going green' is no longer the wave of the future-it increasingly has become a central feature of today's building practices."

The article goes on to state that developers and corporate executives recognize that sustainable, energy-efficient buildings may come with a cost premium, but they can also bring immediate and long-term financial rewards. For a developer, returns can come in the form of higher sales and rents; tenants can save on energy and utility costs.

Launched in 2001, the Professional Accreditation program has certified more than 46,000 building professionals from across all areas of practice in the U.S.

Murray graduated with Distinction Honors with a B.A. in Business Administration from the Leeds School of Business at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Now serving as a sales associate, Murray is also involved with the company's IT and software needs to ensure the company remains ahead of the technology curve.

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* LEED Accredited Professionals (LEED APs) have demonstrated a thorough understanding of green building techniques, the LEED Green Building Rating System, and the certification process. The LEED AP program is administered by the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI), which was established with the support of USGBC to allow for objective, balanced management of the credentialing program.

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