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[February 18, 2010]

Agency for Workforce Innovations Survey Count Jobs Created by LEED-Certified Homes in Florida

Feb 18, 2010 (Close-Up Media via COMTEX) -- Jobs created by LEED-certified homes in Florida will be among new positions counted during an upcoming Agency for Workforce Innovations survey.

According to officials, E3 Building Sciences has already created green consulting positions as the state's private-sector LEED for Homes Provider for the U.S. Green Building Council.

"We have nearly doubled in size since last year as the market has demanded high-performance buildings that lower utility bills and maintenance costs," said Ben Millar, director of business development at E3.

E3 Building Sciences is consulting on several LEED housing projects, including Mirabella in Miami-Dade County and the Moses White in Tampa, as well as the LEED mid-rise project, Lil Abner in Miami.

Five states have already surveyed the green labor force and found 1 percent to 3 percent of the total employment in their states could be considered new green positions.

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Florida will survey educators, consultants and lobbyists, among others, according to Rebecca Rust of Workforce Florida. Job title decisions were based on a 2009 report from the Sustainability/Infrastructure Committee of Workforce Florida, Inc.

Federal stimulus funding has fueled growth in green residences, according to Florida Housing Finance Corp. (FHFC), which distributes funding and tax credits to qualified developers but now requires green aspects in new applications.

E3 Building Sciences provides engineering, consulting, certification and testing services to building professionals and owners.

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