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NATIONAL ARCHITECTURE FIRM LAUDS SUSTAINABLE DESIGN AT AUGUST EDC MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

Port St. Lucie, FL – Astorino, a nationally renowned architecture firm specializing in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification, sponsored and addressed the Economic Development Council's August membership luncheon. James Centanni, Jr. and Kristin Materka, both representing the company's Palm Beach Gardens, Florida office, presented to the crowd of 112.

Materka gave the bulk of the presentation titled *A Greener Tomorrow*, which explained the growing need for environmentally responsible and sustainably designed buildings. Demonstrating some of their most recent work, Astorino introduced the American Lung Foundation and Quantum Foundation joint-use building, which was completed in West Palm Beach, Florida and met the LEED NC v2.2 Gold standard. The building was given its LEED certification for its energy efficiency, water use reduction, and utilizing the site of an existing structure, among many other factors. Materka also exhibited two other Astorino projects, a projected LEED NC v2.2 Silver in Boca Raton, Florida and a projected LEED NC v2.2 Gold in Belle Glade, Florida.

The next EDC membership luncheon is scheduled for September 1, 2009 at 12:00pm on the IRSC/FAU Joint Use Campus in the Schrieber Center. Bob Baldassari, General Manager of the PGA Village, has committed to be the featured speaker. For information on membership or the monthly member luncheons, please contact the Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County at 772-879-4144 or visit www.yourEDC.com.

About the Economic Development Council:

The mission of the EDC is to encourage a competitive environment that nurtures clusters of industries employing state of the art technologies, a skilled workforce, and that stimulates economic growth through expansion of the private sector. *For more information about the Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County, visit www.yourEDC.com or call (772) 879-4144.*

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