

# Designed For You



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## The Green Scene

### Ask The Architect

Contrary to popular belief, people or products are not certified in LEED. People, upon completion of research, study and rigorous testing become Accredited LEED Professionals. People are not certified. Products are also not certified in LEED, however, LEED does apply to green building projects in that individual products can contribute to points under the certification system. Only completed buildings are certified in the LEED program.

To get certified, information about a building's design and construction techniques are employed and compiled and submitted to the LEED for evaluation and receipt of LEED credit points. Within six LEED credit categories, projects must satisfy particular prerequisites and can earn points. Six categories include Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Energy and Atmosphere, Materials and Resources, Indoor Environmental Quality and Innovation in Design. The number of points earned determines the level of LEED certification. Certification is available in progressive levels: Certified, Silver, Gold and Platinum.

A project is registered for LEED certification by the team member, the LEED AP.

## Congratulations Architect Wilson

### SPOTLIGHT

Architect Wilson recently became a LEED Accredited Professional™. Earning this distinction makes him Gary Guy Wilson Architects' first LEED AP, and one of only 60,000 professionals nationwide to receive accreditation.

A LEED AP is an individual who has earned the distinction of demonstrating their ability to serve on a LEED project team and provide detailed knowledge of LEED project certification requirements and processes. A LEED AP also has a command of integrated design principles.

The LEED AP program is administered by the Green Building Certification Institute, which was established with the support of the U.S. Green Building Council. LEED accreditation is awarded to building industry practitioners who successfully demonstrate these proficiencies on a comprehensive exam.



### SPOTLIGHT Dennis Poskon

When asked whether he thinks that the Las Vegas valley will continue to grow, as it has, over the next 10 years, Dennis Poskon answers without the slightest hesitation. "Without a doubt," confirms Poskon. "Everybody has to keep changing to be competitive."

This competition has led Loftus Associates West, LLC, the company of which Poskon is President, to utilize advanced technologies, including Computational Fluid Dynamics Modeling. CFD Modeling allows the company to provide more accurate engineering solutions that save customers money.

CFD Modeling is just one of the services that Loftus West, which focuses on hotels, hospitals, and schools, offers to clients. Additional offerings include piping system, seismic, and stress analysis, as well as mechanical, electrical, and plumbing services.

In the two years that Loftus West has been in business, the company has experienced a slow, steady growth. Having increased from four to 19, the local staff is augmented by experienced professionals from sister companies Loftus Engineers, CSD Engineers LLC, Monaloh Basin Engineers, S E Technologies LLC, Step One Systems LLC, Sargent Electric Company Inc., and Sargent Safety Services LLC. These firms offer a combined staff of nearly 500 employees who can be flown to Las Vegas, on an as needed basis, to complete projects.

One of Loftus West's most recent projects was the Regional Justice Center at Clark Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. For this project, Poskon enlisted the help of Gary Guy Wilson Architects. The two companies worked together to achieve a design that is both beautiful and functional.

Finding functional engineering solutions is something that Poskon has been doing for years. The University of Pittsburgh alum, whose course of study was Mechanical Engineering, has served as President of both Ameriduct and Poskon Mechanical Inc. Four years ago, the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania native brought his expertise to the Las Vegas Valley. In addition to his position with Loftus West, he is a member of the American Society of Plumbing Engineers, National Association of Power Engineers, ASHRAE, and International Distribution of Energy Association.

Poskon's experience and expertise ideally suit the ever changing Las Vegas marketplace. The competition is no match for the dynamic duo of Loftus Associates West, LLC and Gary Guy Wilson Architects!

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