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## **PORT AUTHORITY BROWNFIELD DIRECTOR EARNS LEED AP STATUS**

### *Going Green Helps Grow the Local Economy*

**CINCINNATI, OHIO (October 7, 2008)** – The [Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority](#) announced today that Christine Russell, Director of Brownfield Development, has earned LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) AP (Accredited Professional) accreditation.

“As sustainability and green building practices are increasingly being incorporated into development projects to grow our local economy, having a LEED AP on our staff helps us to stay current on new developments in green building design and construction,” said Kim Satzger, President of the Port Authority. “We’re proud of Christine and her accomplishments.”

“I see my accreditation as a source of expertise and a resource that can be useful for Cincinnati developers,” said Russell. “LEED APs are not typically found in local government, so I am glad I can add value to the work of our city and county.”

Acquiring a LEED accreditation is a selective process that involves building professionals displaying a thorough understanding of green building requirements and processes by undergoing a rigorous exam. The GBCI, a third party organization that administers the exam, encourages all LEED APs to register their credentials on the GBCI Web site for accurate records of accredited professionals in the area. At present, there are approximately 56,000 LEED APs throughout the world, 1,376 of whom work in Ohio.

For more information on the LEED accreditation, visit the GBCI Web site at [www.gbci.org](http://www.gbci.org).

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*The Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority was formed in 2001 to stimulate growth of the regional economy as an economic development organization for Hamilton County and the City of Cincinnati. It enables public-private partnerships to provide infrastructure financing for development projects and to redevelop brownfields.*