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Haggstrom named director of sustainability at JCJ

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Erig Haggstrom

Hartford, CT JCJ Architecture (JCJ) has appointed experienced senior project architect and sustainability advocate, Eric Haggstrom, AIA, LEED AP, to take over the role of director of sustainability. An architect with 15 years of experience in projects ranging from civic, higher education, healthcare, and K-12 education, Haggstrom is a seasoned professional who has contributed to innovative and award-winning projects such as the COTE Top Ten award winner and LEED Platinum Certified Austin Central Library in Texas, and the LEED Silver Certified historic renovation of Duke University's David M. Rubenstein Library in Durham, NC. To build on JCJ's long-standing commitment to sustainability, Haggstrom, who joined JCJ in early 2020, will work across regions and project types to optimize the integration of sustainable practices in the firm's projects. This includes exploring new methodologies and technologies.

"There is an immense opportunity to drive broader adoption within our firm and important work to elevate sustainability across the wider AEC community," Haggstrom said.

"I eagerly anticipate collaborating with my colleagues at JCJ and engaging with clients, advocates, and experts around these issues. With our national footprint, I see tremendous potential to elevate engagement, catalyze innovative practices, and champion initiatives across our diverse portfolio of projects and offices."

JCJ has consistently been included as one of Engineering News Record's (ENR) Top 100 Green Design firms and was at the forefront of LEED-certified projects in the U.S. This includes notable achievements such as the first LEED Gold school in the State of Connecticut, the Fairchild Wheeler Inter-District Magnet Campus, the first LEED Silver building on the University of Connecticut's campus, the Burton/Shenkman Football Center, and the first LEED Gold certified gaming property in the U.S., the Daytona Beach Kennel Club in Florida.

"JCJ has a rich history of incorporating sustainability into our projects and was an early signatory to the American Institute of Architects 2030 Commitment," said James LaPosta Jr., FAIA, LEED AP, chief architectural officer of JCJ. "While we have consistently been ranked among ENR's Top 100 Green Design Firms, having Eric in this role will further elevate our efforts and fortify the integration of sustainability principles throughout our design practice. His expertise will invigorate project teams, and more importantly, support our clients in achieving sustainability targets. These are exciting times in our industry, and having an individual of Eric's caliber within the firm, who has the skills and capabilities to assume this role, underscores our organizational strength and dedication to advancing sustainable practices."

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