

What's New

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The Building Group's Washington, D.C. Office Among First to Become an ABC Certified Green Contractor

The BE&K Building Group's Washington D.C. office based in Vienna, Virginia, has been recognized as one of the country's first Certified Green Contractors by the Associated Builders and

Contractors (ABC). ABC's National Green Contractor Certification program acknowledges construction companies that implement green practices and principles in all places of work including headquarters, regional/branch offices and jobsite offices. The Building Group



achieved national certification in late 2009. ABC's National Green Building Committee wrote, "After careful review of your application and the third-party on-site assessment report, it is obvious that BE&K Building Group is deserving of this designation. Your commitment to a sustainable workplace environment — both on and off the jobsite — demonstrates that the BE&K Building Group is an industry leader. The committee encourages you to continue implementing and improving these sustainable practices throughout your operations." ABC of Virginia was one of a select group of chapters nationwide tapped to test the award process.

ABC's Green Contractor Certification process involves a list of 13 prerequisites ranging from distributing documents electronically to establishing an aggressive recycling program. Companies are required to fulfill 12 of 36 elective items that include conducting a professional energy audit, water conservation efforts and providing incentives for carpooling or using public transportation. Each company must achieve four education and training benchmarks, such as instructing employees on sustainability issues and requiring at least 25% of their managers to receive green building awareness education.

About the BE&K Building Group — The BE&K Building Group, based in Charlotte, North Carolina, is a prominent construction services firm with an established track record for serving commercial, healthcare, industrial, and institutional clients throughout the Southeast, Mid-Atlantic and South Central regions. The BE&K Building Group, which has operations in eight locations, is the exclusive commercial construction arm of KBR, a leading U.S. based engineering, construction and services company.

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