

# What's New

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## BE&K Building Group's Duke University School of Law Addition and Renovation Project Now LEED® Certified

The BE&K Building Group's \$21 million addition and renovation project for the Duke University School of Law in Durham, North Carolina, has achieved LEED® certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). Last fall's dedication ceremony (11-8-08) celebrated

the culmination of many years of planning, design and construction efforts to renovate and expand the existing educational facility, parts of which had been unchanged since 1963. Despite an extremely aggressive schedule, our team delivered the project on time for the Fall 2008 Semester, just nine months after final design was completed and released for construction. The BE&K Building Group provided preconstruction



and construction services for the four-story, 115,000-square-foot facelift project, which included the addition of a three-story, 8,000-square-foot, glass-enclosed event center with capacity for 300 people; a new 78-seat tiered classroom; and the complete renovation of the four-story law library. Major enhancements to the surrounding landscape included "Duke Stone" walls and a self-draining function yard for outdoor events and assemblies. Sustainable elements are particularly evident in the event center which lends itself to hosting lectures and other special functions. This open glass-enclosed common area allows students to conduct research in the law library and then reconvene downstairs to discuss their findings. With balconies that overlook the large space, an adjacent café, and outdoor patio, the facility provides comfortable seating reading, studying, dining and collaboration. The facility houses a new classroom that overlooks the common space as well.

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