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News Release

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Cannellos Named President of US Green Building Council South Florida Chapter

Boca Raton, FL (October 19, 2010) -- Robert Cannellos, LEED AP BD+C, was appointed by his Board peers as President of the US Green Building Council South Florida Chapter following the nonprofit organization's recent elections.

Cannellos represents the Chapter in South Florida and throughout the green building industry as the organization's chief ambassador and spokesperson, and presides over all Chapter affairs and Board meetings. Prior to becoming President, he was Vice-President of the organization and served in a number of other leadership positions.

Cannellos is an accomplished designer, speaker and sustainability consultant with 19 years of experience in the architecture and construction industries. He majored in Architecture, earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree at Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona, and he has extensive experience in sustainable planning and design of high-performance green buildings, as well as the application of all LEED certification standards.

Professionally, Robert is a sustainability consultant with The Spinnaker Group, and is the certifying agent for 10 LEED projects in South Florida. Robert's experience includes senior project management with architectural firms in Phoenix, Arizona and South Florida. For the past four years, Robert has been a Board member of the Chapter, and he was co-founder and Chair of one of the Chapter's four Branches. He has been active in the growth and development of the Chapter's Branch structure; expansion of the Chapter's educational and advocacy programs; and wants to particularly focus during the coming year on membership expansion, diversity and social equity, grooming the next generation of volunteer leaders, and strengthening the Chapter's education programs.

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"Since moving to Florida almost a decade ago, I have been blessed to have assembled a large network of friends, from government officials and corporate leaders, to professionals, students, educators and people who just want to do the right thing," says Cannellos. "I've learned that we are all very much like-minded, environmentally conscious individuals, and when we work together and communicate, we form a solid foundation that will inevitably lead to establishing a higher standard for the way we live our lives. People generally get it, and we're here to help them put their good intentions to work to help all of us."

In his spare time, Robert enjoys painting, attending art showings and events, spending time with his family, restoring his vintage 1950s home in Delray Beach, and can even be found drumming with a South Florida (rock and roll) band.

The mission of the USGBC South Florida Chapter, a nonprofit (501[c][3]) membership organization, is to transform the way buildings and communities are designed, built and operated, enabling an environmentally and socially responsible environment that improves quality of life. Founded in 2003, the Chapter is comprised of a broad coalition of industry members and concerned individuals representing the vanguard in a transformation of the building industry in South Florida into one that will sustain coming generations of residents and businesses in a thriving, healthy, natural environment. The Chapter's education programs and services are offered via volunteer-driven outreach activities and Branch meetings held monthly in the Treasure Coast, in Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade Counties, and in the Keys.

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Media: If you would like to interview Mr. Cannellos (right), please contact Lee Cooke, Executive Director, 561-373-7367, lcooke@usgbcfsf.org. If you would like to learn more about our new President and his Board, please visit the Board bios at www.usgbcfsf.org/boardbios.

The U.S. Green Building Council South Florida Chapter, a nonprofit organization, embraces the adoption of innovative building practices that conserve land, energy, water, resources and materials. Its mission is to transform the way buildings and communities are designed, built and operated, enabling an environmentally and socially responsible, healthy and prosperous environment that improves the quality of life. Headquartered on the campus of Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida, the volunteer-governed Chapter has more than 1,000 passionate members and 3,000 friends providing educational programs and services to the South Florida community from its Treasure Coast, Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade and the Keys Branches. To learn more: Lee Cooke, Executive Director, 561-373-7367, lcooke@usgbcfsf.org, www.usgbcfsf.org.

