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## **PEDCO Sees Stimulus Funds as Way to Promote Green Building Practices**

PEDCO, an engineering and architectural design firm with offices in Cincinnati and Indiana, has focused on work in the private sector, but has been pursuing federal consulting contracts as it looks to enlarge its footprint in the public sector and the green building industry.

PEDCO president Bill Giesler said he believes sustainable design is the future in design and construction, and he sees green building practices becoming an industry standard. Twenty-one of PEDCO's 70 employees are now LEED AP as part of its commitment to sustainable design.

Giesler said PEDCO may see some stimulus funds stemming from EPA, NASA and the VA, where the firm is working to bring its buildings up to standard, but stressed that the company is not reliant on stimulus funds in order to survive this recession.

"We're not in favor of money going out of people's pockets unnecessarily," said Giesler. "But as Americans we need to care for our buildings, roads, bridges, and infrastructure. The real value of some of these stimulus funds will be to invest in government buildings to make them more energy-efficient, which will save energy and taxpayer dollars required to operate those buildings longterm."

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