

Developers turn to PGI for state-of-art green buildings

Come more and more important, local developers are turning to PGI Group International, an engineering firm headquartered in Spain, to make sure their buildings will be state-of-the-art green.

“We are experienced in green building,” says PGI Group Miami President Aina Juliol. “That’s a standard that’s becoming mandatory here in Miami. Every developer is looking for good professionals who know how to do it.

“While city building department professionals and developers are still in a learning curve, we have the advantage of our expertise and knowledge in Europe that we can bring forward.”

PGI, whose experience includes commercial office buildings, residential, industrial and retail projects, hotels and resorts, airports, schools and universities, libraries and hospitals, works



PGI Miami President Aina Juliol. with developers, architects and contractors to help them meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, or LEED, standards – a rating system devised by the US Green Building Council to measure the sustainability of a construction project.

“We strive for the triple bottom line as described by the US Green Building Code – people, planet and profit,” Ms. Juliol says. “As such, we incorporate

innovation and efficiency into our designs while maintaining our client’s practical budgets and specifications.

“We have multiple LEED-accredited professionals with the knowledge and skills to successfully steward integrated sustainable design and the LEED certification process. Since these engineering concepts are different in every country, PGI Group has hired local people with significant experience in project designs throughout all South Florida. This ensures that our designs completely fulfill all local specifications.”

PGI Group, she says, is well known for the strong professional relationship it builds with clients.

Among its current South Florida projects are Rilea Group’s 35-story condominium complex at 1080 Brickell; DYL Group’s mixed-use project in Coral Gables,

designed by architects Perkins & Will; and the James Hotel on Miami Beach, where owners are remodeling and adding a 10,000-square-foot addition.

“We’ve also been hired by Ocean Land Investments, which bought a large parcel in Boca Raton, to be LEED consultant for any project they undertake,” Ms. Juliol says.

PGI Group International founded its Miami office in August 2004 as a result of a corporate expansion.

“We are a subsidiary of one of the largest mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) consultant companies in Spain,” Ms. Juliol says. “The expansion came after a rigorous market study indicated the good possibilities that the Miami market could offer and showed us what we could contribute to the South Florida and Caribbean markets.”

PGI Group Miami has been awarded with the 2006 M.E.P. Engineering Firm of the Year by the Latin Builders Association.

“We are widely recognized for being able to render excellent services tailored to the architect, developer and building owner,” Ms. Juliol says. “We work as a team with our clients in order to make the design process more effective, thus avoiding future problems.

Our mission is to practice quality engineering that is creative, functional and cost-effective.

“We believe that our experience, knowledge and desire to perform to the highest standards will enable us to guarantee the work of an outstanding group of professionals as well as the highest standards of quality service and design. This is our commitment.”

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