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As the fear of global warming and its negative effects increase, the search for sustainable practices grows alongside these concerns. In no industry is this truer than within construction. While the effects of human development on the environment are still in contention, it's undisputable that construction expands activity across ecosystems. Because of this the industry has been at the forefront of establishing alternative practices to minimize impact.

Finergy Development LLC is one of the companies leading the way in greener construction practices, with an environmentally friendly perspective at the forefront of its projects. Finergy Development is a real estate development company that has won numerous awards, some for its efforts in sustainable building. To practice what it preaches, the company also recently moved headquarters into an eco-friendly building.

Coming to America

In 1988, Enzo Gagliardi founded Finergy Development with money he saved from his hourly wages as a laborer. In 2000, Gagliardi moved the company to Sarasota, Fla., where it now works within the central and western regions of the state,

primarily focused in the commercial sector with job sites including hospitality (hotels and resorts), office and multi-family projects. Finergy Development does full-coverage work, including development, real estate, brokerage, construction and purchasing.

The move of headquarters, in 2007, saw the company benefit from a state-of-the-art building: the Finergy Trade Center. The four-story building is 15,000 square feet, situated on less than one acre. It is recognized for its energy efficiency and also its modern design. The company leases out additional retail and office space it is not occupying, as well.

The recent move is reflective of the company's great success; according to Eric Collin, Finergy Development's vice president, the company is efficiency personified, with an impressive development pipeline, with only 20 employees.

While Finergy Development is known for its large-scale commercial projects, the company also has experience with high-end custom homes, and has worked on a two-story house in northern Sarasota that features an outdoor pool and a three-car garage. Finergy Development has won several awards for a 17,000 square-foot house in the Sarasota Bay



area, including the SRQ (Sarasota/Bradenton, Florida, area) Home of the Year Award. The same house was also the 2009 Platinum Winner for Overall Home (in the \$3 million-plus range), as well as the Platinum Winner for the Kitchen specification and the Gold Winner for the Outdoors division.

Green Awards

Finergy Development is very excited for its upcoming project, SRQ Innovation Green, a \$60 million job in Sarasota. The company will be the lead developer for this mixed-use facility, located conveniently close to the Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport.

The project will be spread across eight acres and includes house office space, an upscale hotel, and a trendy café. At completion of all three phases, the buildings will have 200,000 square feet of commercial space and roughly 200 hotel rooms.

Finergy Development plans to innovate within the region's green industry and achieve the Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED) Silver certification on the project, a very aggressive goal for the scale of work being completed. If the company meets this goal, the Hampton Inn and Suites at SRQ Innovation Green will become the first LEED-certified hotel in the county and the first LEED-certified Hampton Inn and Suites in the nation, out of 1,800 properties in the system.

While SRQ Innovation Green will be an exciting project to be a part of, Finergy Development's most prestigious project was completed in 2005, also in Sarasota. This project was an adaptive reuse in which the company took over an assisted living facility that had stood vacant for six years. Finergy Development converted the building into a Generation 6 Homewood Suites by Hilton. The site now includes 100 upscale hospitality suites.

For this endeavor, Finergy Development received multiple awards from numerous sources. These awards include the 2005 Hilton Best Conversion of the Year award, the 2005 Sarasota County Beautification Award, the 2005 City of Sarasota Mayor's Citation and the 2005 General Electric Commercial Finance Award.

The company is also continuing its growth overseas and will break ground on a new hotel in France, near Valenciennes.



The company is also continuously leading research and development efforts to improve its construction methods and integrate the use of new innovative technologies in its construction process. The company plans a new building method that will allow the construction of a high-quality hotel with consistent quality, lower cost and reduced delivery time.

With Finergy Development's stellar reputation and innovative solutions to negate the impact of construction on the environment, the company is well set up to continue leading the way building energy-efficient facilities. •

