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Czopek & Erdenberger, Inc. Becomes Portland's First EDAC Advocate Firm

Portland, OR – May 20 , 2011 – Czopek & Erdenberger, Inc (C&E), an interior planning and design firm with a client base throughout the Pacific Northwest, joined ranks with a small but growing number of national Advocate Firms for the Evidence-Based Design Accreditation and Certification (EDAC) program from The Center for Health Design (CHD). The recent accreditation of Georgia Erdenberger (principal); Jen Pucillo, LEED AP (designer); and Leah Nagengast (designer) has placed C&E as the first EDAC Advocate Firm in Portland.

Evidence-based design (EBD) is the process of basing decisions about the built environment on credible research to achieve the best possible outcomes. In the healthcare arena, this method of research and critical thinking is utilized to create environments that improve patient and staff outcomes as well as operational outcomes.

While attaining the EDAC Advocate Firm status has been a recent accomplishment for C&E, the firm has been practicing the fundamental principles of evidence-based design for years.

“Becoming a member of EDAC validates the way we have been approaching health care planning and design at Czopek & Erdenberger for over 25 years. Our design approach involves orchestrating a clear process for decision-making by actively involving patients, medical staff, administrators, physicians, facilities and environmental services staff in identifying issues, defining goals, and objectives. With a commitment to evidence-based design, C&E provides its clients with the most current thinking on design of a high performance healthcare environment which promotes the well-being and safety of staff and patients.” Georgia Erdenberger, EDAC, Principal