

SSRCX ADDS BUILDING ENCLOSURE COMMISSIONING TO SERVICES

Owen Mertens joins company to cultivate service line

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – September 4, 2012 – SSRCx, the facilities commissioning and sustainability consulting branch of Smith Seckman Reid, Inc. (SSR), has hired Owen Mertens to expand the company's service line to include building enclosure commissioning (BECx).

Mertens comes to SSRCx with more than 10 years of experience providing BECx services. He has a degree in Architecture and a Master of Science in Structural Engineering from the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Most recently, Mertens was the managing partner in charge of the SCL Consulting Wisconsin office, where he provided technical leadership for building façade evaluations and restorations of existing facilities. Before SCL Consulting, Mertens was a building enclosure engineering manager with GRAEF USA. Through his career, he has gained experience in both business development and project management, two skills that will prove useful with the expanded service line.

Building enclosure commissioning is a quality assurance check designed to verify that the building enclosure meets the predetermined requirements set forward by the facility owner. It is becoming a more frequently requested service by facility owners, and Mertens' experience with the service will add value to many of SSRCx's proposal responses.

Mike Coyne, managing principal for SSRCx, said he is excited about the growth opportunity the service line expansion brings. "Building enclosure commissioning is a rapidly expanding section of our offerings, and one that has required us previously to utilize a subconsultant," Coyne said. "I expect Owen will be quite busy."

About SSR and SSRCx

SSR is an employee-owned engineering design and facility consulting firm with 16 offices and more than 40 years of experience in health care, sports and entertainment, institutional and infrastructure projects. A division of SSR, SSRCx is a leading facilities commissioning provider that works with facilities to verify and document that buildings and their systems are designed and installed in a quality manner and meet the needs of the owner and occupants. SSRCx provides commissioning services at any stage of a project, from design to completion, including facilities that have been built and running for a significant amount of time. To learn more, visit www.ssr-inc.com and www.ssrcx.com

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