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Carlson Studio designs a Green Business Partnership

Sarasota County has awarded its newest Green Business Partnership to Carlson Design Studio, one of the area's most respected architecture firms. The company, located at 1613 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, designs sustainable, high-performance architecture for residential projects and is currently working on similar projects for The Wellness Community, Sarasota Military Academy and Janie Poe Redevelopment.

Carlson's downtown office is a model of successful reuse. The building, formerly a 1930's-era grocery store, is now LEED Silver certified. The firm uses environmentally-friendly cleaning and pest control products. It also offsets 100 percent of its electrical use by purchasing green power through Florida Power & Light's Sunshine Energy Program.

The Green Business Partnership was initiated under a Florida Department of Environmental Protection grant and is open to all businesses in Sarasota County that implement required resource conservation measures and pass an on-site certification assessment. Each certified business receives a Green Business Partnership certificate and seal they can display to demonstrate their commitment to a healthy environment. They also receive an electronic logo that can be used on company stationery and promotional items.

Carlson Design Studio is now listed in a Green Business Partnership directory that is available online at the Green Business Web site, www.scgov.net/greenbusiness.

The Green Business Partnership is actively seeking other participants. For more information, or to request a Green Business Partnership packet, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask to speak with the county's Recycling Coordinator.

For more information on the businesses currently certified under the program, visit www.scgov.net/greenbusiness and click on the link entitled, "Participating Businesses."

Media note: A JPEG image of the Green Business Partnership logo is attached.

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