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Firm Qualifications and Background: Earthly Ideas LLC supports project teams throughout the country with the information, resources, and skills needed to produce high performance buildings. We have experience in a diversity of building types, including office, museum, library, university, K-12 school, cultural, mixed-use, institutional, and industrial developments. Since 1992, Earthly Ideas has successfully provided project teams with innovative approaches to sustainable design consulting, project management, and training and education. We offer a range of services customized to each client's requirements. We relocated to Durango, CO in 2001 from Austin, TX.

Michelle Reott is Managing Principal of Earthly Ideas LLC. In this capacity, she has served as project manager and sustainability consultant to many satisfied clients. She holds a degree in Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology where she was graduated cum laude in 1989. Michelle's engineering training expanded her aptitude for research, provided the ability to read and interpret plans, and honed her excellent organizational and analytical skills. Prior to her work in sustainable building, she was a recycling analyst with the City of Austin's Recycling Program and a design engineer with General Dynamics (now Lockheed-Martin) in Fort Worth, TX. In 2001, Michelle earned designation from the U.S. Green Building Council as a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional (LEED AP) – one of the first 400 in the world. Michelle is a faculty member of the Boston Architectural College's [Sustainable Design Certificate](#) Program where online and in-person classes are offered on various sustainable design topics.

Project Experience: Earthly Ideas' first major sustainable development experience (1993 - 1995) was providing project management for the construction of the first commercial green building in Austin, TX - the Whole Foods Market Corporate Headquarters and Flagship Store. As part of the design team and liaison for the corporate headquarters, Michelle was heavily involved in materials research, efficiency initiatives, and building siting. This building served as the prototype for the City of Austin's (now Austin Energy) Commercial Green Building Program. She also managed 2 subsequent expansions and renovations for this building while adhering to the original green building goals and objectives. One of the renovations is featured as a case study on Version 2.0 of the Rocky Mountain Institute's Green Developments CD and is an EPA Waste Reduction Record Setter. For additional information and a copy of the EPA profile, please visit http://www.earthly-ideas.com/portfolio/whole_foods_exp.htm.

From 1998 - 2002, Earthly Ideas served as sustainability consultant to Jacobs Engineering, the Construction Manager (CM) at Risk in a joint venture with Vaughn Construction

(Jacobs/Vaughn), on the University of Texas Houston Health Science Center's School of Nursing and Student Community Center (SONSCC). Earthly Ideas provided deconstruction research services, developed construction waste management specifications, and assisted in developing the education strategy for the project's contractors and suppliers. This multi-phase project's last phase, the actual construction of the 195,160 square foot SONSCC, was completed in June 2004. Additional education experience includes leading a 25-person team that developed the Austin Independent School District's Sustainable Building Goals for Schools checklist in 1997 - 1998 and Staley High School and Elementary School #21 (under Current Projects below).

In addition, Earthly Ideas has worked on municipal projects including the City of Austin's George Washington Carver Museum/Cultural Center and the Carver and Pleasant Hill Branch Library Expansions. The George Washington Carver Museum/Cultural Center and the Carver Branch Library both earned LEED-NC Certified in June 2006. Earthly Ideas has served as sustainability consultant for several deconstruction projects for the City of Austin including the Convention Center Expansion (1998 - 1999) and the CSC/City Hall project (1999 - 2000). In 2006, Earthly Ideas laid the groundwork for the inclusion of sustainable strategies in the Durango Public Library during its schematic design phase.

Industrial projects include several renovations (1996 - 1998) and a new building (1995) for Balcones Resources, Inc. As the largest independent paper recycler in the southwest, Balcones was very interested in sustainable practices including construction waste management and recycled content material selection. From the vantage point of project manager, Michelle was able to infuse sustainable initiatives throughout these projects in Dallas and Austin, TX and Little Rock, AR.

From 2002 - 2006, Earthly Ideas served in numerous pro-bono and paid capacities for the Durango Discovery Museum including as sustainability/LEED consultant for both the Rebuild Colorado and Kresge Foundation grants, planner for the pre-design charrette, project manager and grant administrator for two State Historical Fund restoration grants, and finance manager and grant administrator for the Department of Local Affairs grant.

In addition, Earthly Ideas has also provided sustainability consulting services for Dell Computer Corporation, the Center for Maximum Potential Building Systems, the (former) Texas General Services Commission's State Energy Conservation Office, the City of Durango, Three Springs Durango, the U.S. Navy, Phoenix Construction Recycling, and Nature's Oasis.

Current Projects: Earthly Ideas is the sustainability/LEED consultant to the Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center in Orange, TX. This project is on-track for earning LEED-NC Platinum after completing its Design Phase Submittal in September 2006.

Earthly Ideas is also the sustainability/LEED consultant to the Adkins Arboretum in Ridgely, Maryland, Staley High School and Elementary School #21 for North Kansas City Schools in Kansas City, Missouri, and Ska Brewing's new manufacturing facility in Durango, Colorado. Earthly Ideas is also advising the construction manager on its LEED Certification responsibilities for the Mancos (Colorado) Public Library.