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STRUCTURES DESIGN BUILD'S ADAM COHEN IS THE *FIRST* DESIGNER IN THE SOUTHEAST REGION TO BE CERTIFIED BY THE PASSIVHAUS INSTITUTE, US, AS A "CERTIFIED PASSIVHAUS DESIGNER".

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Structures Design Build is proud to announce that Adam Cohen has attained the designation of Certified Passivhaus Designer. Cohen is the *first designer* in the southeast United States to achieve this certification.

The Passivhaus concept was developed in Europe twenty years ago and represents today's highest energy standard with the promise of slashing the heating energy consumption of buildings by an amazing 70- 90%. The European Union has adopted Passivhaus as their building standard for new construction.

Cohen, in conjunction with the Franklin County School Board, is scheduled to begin construction for the Center for Energy Efficient Design (CEED), a 3,600 square foot freestanding teaching center, utilizing Passivhaus standards. The CEED project is the first non-residential project on the east coast to be designed to Passivhaus standards. Completion is expected by the start of the 2010 school year. The CEED project is trying to achieve both LEED Platinum and Passivhaus certifications.

Structures, founded in 1999 by Adam Cohen and Steven Strauss, specializes in commercial and residential design. Structures dedicated team of architects and builders deliver our projects on time, on budget and built with integrity.