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**A Leader In Sustainable Construction,  
Hardin Plays A Key Role In Building Southface Eco Office**

**ATLANTA, GA** – August 24, 2009 — Known already for its expertise and leadership in green building and for obtaining LEED certifications for its clients' projects, Atlanta-based Hardin Construction Company recently added to its “green” credentials.

Hardin was part of the project team that helped to build the high-efficiency, high-performance Southface Eco Office, recently dedicated and billed by Southface as “one of the greenest commercial buildings in the world.”

The building uses 84 percent less water and 53.3 percent less energy than typical buildings its size, and has achieved a number of environment and energy related standards, including LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) Platinum certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. It is one of the few platinum certified buildings in Georgia.

The nonprofit Southface promotes sustainable homes, workplaces and communities through education, research, advocacy and technical assistance. The Eco Office serves as a commercial office, demonstration and training facility.

“As practitioners of sustainable construction for our clients, including LEED certifications, Hardin Construction Company is honored to have played a role in such a landmark undertaking—team construction of one of the greenest commercial buildings in the world,” said Hardin President Bill Pinto. “The Southface Eco Office is a striking testament to the possibilities in green building, and Hardin’s support of the project reflects our company’s commitment to and recognized leadership in promoting environmentally focused construction practices.”

### **Hardin: pioneer in Sustainable Construction**

Hardin is widely recognized as a pioneer and leader in sustainable construction. The company has participated in a number of LEED-certified projects, including the Arthur M. Blank Family Office building—named in 2004 by the U.S. Green Building Council as the first LEED Gold certified building in Georgia and as the Southeast region’s first LEED Gold certified office building. Since this time, the Company has completed six LEED certified facilities, with an additional four that are currently completed and in the final stages of obtaining their LEED certification. Three similar facilities are currently under construction.

In 2008, Hardin became the first construction management firm in Georgia to achieve LEED Gold certification for its own headquarters building.

Most recently, Southeast Construction magazine—in its first-ever ranking of Top Green Builders—placed Hardin Construction among the top 10 in the Southeast, based on revenue from green certified projects in 2008. More than 35 percent of Hardin’s

operations staff has achieved LEED AP status.

### **About Hardin Construction**

Founded in 1946, Hardin Construction Company, LLC is a leading general contractor and construction manager in the United States and has consistently been in the forefront of safety and sustainable practices in its industry for years. With offices in Atlanta, Ga., Tampa, Fla., Orlando, Fla., Raleigh, N.C., and Austin, Texas, Hardin Construction provides comprehensive construction services including general construction, construction management, design-build, and renovation. A privately-held company, Hardin Construction provides these services in markets such as retail, hospitality, residential, office, education, healthcare, public assembly, governmental and institutional. For more information, visit [www.hardinconstruction.com](http://www.hardinconstruction.com).

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