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**BREEAM USA Hires Distinguished Sustainability Trailblazer**

*Derek Young brings over 20 years as a passionate professional to help optimize the performance of over 5.6 million existing buildings in the USA*

**San Francisco - Tuesday, January 2, 2018.** Today, BREEAM USA, a provider of the world's most widely used green building rating system, announces that Derek Young has been hired as the company's first Director of Business Development. The role was created to embody the company's mission of building a better world together by supporting the BREEAM brand with existing buildings across the American marketplace.

As Director of Business Development, Derek will assume responsibility to develop new growth opportunities and work to meet customers' needs while remaining focused on BREEAM USA customers' business goals and to help clients achieve corporate social responsibility targets.

"We are extremely excited to welcome Derek to BREEAM USA," says Barry Giles, CEO of BREEAM USA. "He is a true representation of what we had in mind for the Business Development role. Derek is an enthusiastic individual with a positive attitude and great communication skills. The team is looking forward to following Derek's journey and being part of the meaningful connections he makes with the people he encounters across the country as he raises awareness of the BREEAM brand."

Derek Young is a veteran sustainability and communications professional with over 20 years of experience. He has helped to start and lead CSR and sustainability programs at several corporations including FedEx Office, TGI Fridays and Aggregate Industries. Prior to joining BREEAM USA, Derek ran his own consulting company focused on sustainability issues and served clients including Sustainable Solutions Corporation, GreenCircle Certified, The American Forest Foundation and VF Brands. Derek also has vast experience in sustainability strategy, energy and water efficiency, infrastructure development, green building, nonprofit partnerships and charitable giving.

"I am very excited to join this amazing organization and its incredible staff. I have spent my entire career working towards a more sustainable future," says Derek Young, Director of Business Development for BREEAM USA. "I truly believe that the built environment represents our greatest opportunity for effecting real, lasting, environmental change and BREEAM, with all of its past success and future potential is the perfect vehicle for continuing toward that goal. I am excited to bring this platform to the US market."

BREEAM was developed in 1990 by BRE, a world leading, multi-disciplinary building science organization, and today has more certifications than any other green rating system with over

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**About BRE America & BREEAM USA**

BREEAM USA is a partnership between BRE Group, the world's leading authority on all aspects of the built environment, and BuildingWise, the award-winning U.S.-based LEED certification consultancy, established to provide a sustainability certification and improvement solution to the 5.6 million existing buildings in the United States not covered by existing green building programs. For more information, please visit [www.breeamusa.com](http://www.breeamusa.com).

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