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### **AKT PEERLESS' STAFF EARNS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION**

AKT Peerless Environmental & Energy Services is pleased to announce that staff members Corey Leon and Bret Stuntz have passed the National Development Council's examinations to become certified Housing Development Finance Professionals.

The Housing Development Finance Professional Certification Program (HDFP) is the National Development Council's training course that explores the development process, financial analysis techniques and structuring and negotiating skills needed to successfully develop and finance affordable housing deals. Course instructors include former bankers, developers, community and economic development officials and government agency leaders who impart real-world knowledge in the classroom. Topics covered in the HDFP Certification Program are:

- Understanding the housing development process
- Financial analysis techniques
- Deal Structuring – putting together the financing components
- Negotiating – the skills needed to bring the components together

The National Development Council training was brought by the Detroit office of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) to the city. The training was for their staff, city, county and state partners and select housing development technical assistance providers. Both Corey Leon and Bret Stuntz work in the Brownfield and Redevelopment Incentives division of AKT Peerless and took the course in order to bring another skill set to AKT Peerless' development projects.

“The Housing Development Finance Professional certification will add another layer of expertise that will complement our wide range of projects and client base.” said Anne Jamieson-Urena, Director of the Brownfield and Redevelopment Incentives division.

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