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6/1/16, Eastham, MA – Cape Associates, Inc. announced today that it has recently been awarded LEED® Gold for the Michael H. Cole Building at 325 Massasoit Road in Eastham, MA, completed in 2014. Constructed by the Cape Associates team under project manager Bob Creonte and foreman Tom Johnson, the building was designed by Designer/ Project Manager Tom Swensson of [Brown Lindquist Fenuccio & Raber Architects, Inc.](http://capearchitects.com/) of Yarmouthport, with HVAC design, energy modeling and LEED certification managed by ZeroEnergy Design out of Boston and Orleans.

The LEED rating system, developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), is the foremost program for buildings, homes and communities that are designed, constructed, maintained and operated for improved environmental and human health performance. The Michael H. Cole Building achieved LEED certification for implementing practical and measurable strategies and solutions aimed at achieving high performance in sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality. The building comprises a ground floor office space used by the Cape Associates administration as well as two one-bedroom apartments on the second story. Awarded 61 of a total 110 possible points in the rating system, the location features solar panels on the roof, spray foam insulation and LED lighting, among many other factors that make it qualified for LEED Gold.

“Building operations are nearly 40% of the solution to the global climate change challenge,” said Rick Fedrizzi, CEO and founding chair, USGBC. “While climate change is a global problem, innovative companies like Cape Associates, ZeroEnergy Design and Brown, Lindquist, Fenuccio & Raber are addressing it through local solutions.”

The building is named The Michael H. Cole Building in honor of Cape Associates’ former president, Michael Cole who led the company for three decades.

Cape Associates offers custom building, renovations, painting, home watch and property management services. The company employs more than 120 year-round employees with offices in Eastham, Chatham and Yarmouthport.

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