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WIELAND Healthcare Market Manager Kim Sank earns coveted EDAC accreditation

February 1, 2011, GRABILL, IN – **WIELAND Healthcare** – a nationally recognized and award winning design and manufacturing firm of furniture for the healthcare industry – is pleased to announce that market manager **Kimberly Sank** is certified in evidence-based design, or **EDAC™** as the designation is known within the healthcare design industry. Ms. Sank earned her Bachelor's degree in interior design from Indiana University at Bloomington, IN, worked as a commercial project designer for 21 years, and passed the National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) exam in 1993. She is one of 500 healthcare designers to earn the coveted EDAC™ designation within the last year.

The Center for Health Design defines “evidence-based design” as “the process of basing decisions about the built environment on credible research to achieve the best possible outcomes.” EDAC™ – the **Evidence-Based Design Accreditation and Certification program** that is managed and promoted by The Center for Health Design – is a concentrated initiative that educates and assesses an individual on his or her understanding of how to base design decisions on available, credible evidence. The goal of the program is not to test an individual's knowledge, but rather to test their abilities to properly process key healthcare design data, an important component in the design and construction of healthcare facilities. The process order is to identify, hypothesize, implement, gather, and report the data associated with a given project.

“Kim's EDAC certification positions Wieland to better understand and address the needs and expectations of the ever-changing healthcare industry,” states Rick Mueller, director of marketing for Sauder Manufacturing Company, the holding company of the Wieland Healthcare brand. “This is a tremendous achievement for Kim and a positive direction in our design-build strategy.”

Earning the EDAC designation is a notable and honorable achievement in the healthcare design industry and involves an extensive examination that covers five critical elements of healthcare design: (1) evidence-based design for healthcare, (2) research, (3) pre-design, (4) design, and (5) construction and occupancy. Funding to develop and standardize the EBD process is provided by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. More information may be found at www.edac.healthdesign.org.

About WIELAND Healthcare

WIELAND is a leading designer and manufacturer of healthcare furnishings for patient rooms, lounges, waiting rooms, dining rooms, and chapel furniture. Wieland is the healthcare brand of Sauder

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Manufacturing Company, and has won numerous design and industry awards for its innovation and proprietary product development. The company is committed to environmental stewardship and actively incorporates green initiatives into its design and manufacturing processes. The company is located in Grabill, Indiana, and is represented across North America and overseas. More information is available at www.wielandhealthcare.com. #