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CASE Broadens Innovation Hub for Advanced Sustainable Building Technologies New partnership with Fort Miller Group delivers strategic opportunities for research

TROY, N.Y. — The <u>Center for Architecture, Science, and Ecology</u> (CASE) at <u>Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute</u> welcomes <u>Fort Miller Group</u> as a new member in its industry partner program and a key leader in the developing regional innovation hub that is providing CASE students with valuable opportunities for hands-on learning with architectural professionals and opening the door for collaborative research between industry and the university.

Fort Miller Group (FMG) and its companies, Fort Miller <u>Precast</u> and <u>Scott System</u>, are renowned for their commitment to developing technologically advanced, sustainable practices in concrete — one of the most challenging building systems for carbon reduction. Through this partnership with CASE, FMG is solidifying a commitment to nurturing the future of the built environment through education, research, and innovation. CASE is a university-level research center with locations in Brooklyn and Troy, N.Y., that was founded in 2007 within the Rensselaer School of Architecture to foster collaboration between leaders in architecture, science, and business.

"CASE is providing leadership in technology, sustainability, and constructability in the built environment that leverages a network of building professionals and suppliers in the domestic and international building industries," said <u>Dennis Shelden</u>, director of CASE. "With its deep expertise in pre-cast concrete infrastructure, Fort Miller Group is an important addition to our partner network and marks an important milestone in our ongoing mission to bridge the gap between academia and industry."

As a member of the CASE community, Fort Miller Group and its subsidiary companies will gain access to a wide range of benefits, including:

- **Research Collaboration:** FMG will have the opportunity to collaborate with renowned faculty and researchers at CASE, pushing the knowledge boundaries of systems design and translational applications in the built environment.
- Engagement in Academic Programs: FMG can engage with the full range of CASE programs, workshops, and events to share industry insights, expertise, and best practices.
- Access to Facilities and Resources: FMG will have access to CASE facilities and resources in Brooklyn and at the Rensselaer School of Architecture in Troy to support research, development, and educational initiatives.
- **Networking Opportunities:** FMG will join a dynamic network of industry professionals and organizations, fostering connections and partnerships that can drive innovation and growth.





• **Talent Development:** CASE provides FMG with access to a pool of talented students who can participate in internships, co-op programs, and potential future employment opportunities.

"We are proud to join the CASE industry partner program and contribute to the development of a regional innovation hub for advanced sustainable building technologies," stated Emily Stuff, an engineering manager with Scott System and a member of the Innovation Committee at FMG. "CASE's commitment to collaboration between academia and industry is essential to driving innovation in the built environment, and we look forward to working with its renowned faculty and researchers to develop cutting-edge solutions that address the critical challenges of our time. Together, we can create a more sustainable, resilient, and healthy future for all."

This announcement comes in the wake of a successful NYC Climate Week where thousands of thought leaders, industry experts, researchers, and activists from around the world joined in cooperation to find solutions that address critical climate action.

The industry partner membership program at CASE aims to bring together leading design professionals, construction firms, tech companies, and government leaders to envision, create, and implement the future of the built environment.

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About CASE: Since 2007, the Center for Architecture, Science, and Ecology at Rensselaer has driven innovation in architecture and the built environment through a unique collaboration among academic faculty and students, research teams, and professional firms. CASE takes an integrated science, engineering, and tech startup inspired approach to advancing building capabilities across architecture, construction, technology, and product supply chains, with the goal of advancing sustainable, resilient, and healthy environments. With locations in Brooklyn and the Capital Region in upstate New York, CASE targets innovations that foster building industry and macro-economic improvements in the New York City, state, and global building industries.

<u>About Fort Miller Group:</u> As a four-enterprise holding company serving local, national, and international markets, Fort Miller Group's pursuit of perfection and its commitment to excellence remains constant. Our aim is simply to be the best as "We Lead By Design." Our focus on the infrastructure, security, and death-care markets provides us with limitless opportunities and our customers with unsurpassed results.