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LEED Professional Credential Holders Can Look for a New Logo to Identify CMP

'GBCI CMP' logo denotes educational courses that meet maintenance requirements for the suite of LEED Professional Credentials

July 13, 2010 (Washington, DC) – Green building professional credential holders with one of the LEED AP or LEED Green Associate designations can now look for the new “GBCI Credential Maintenance Program (CMP)” logo to identify courses that meet the LEED credential maintenance requirements.

Ongoing learning makes innovation and market transformation of the building industry possible by introducing new ideas and preparing professionals to embrace them to create high-performance building projects. Credential maintenance ensures green building professionals remain at the cutting edge in their knowledge of green building practices and LEED, bolstering the LEED Professional Credentials' reputation as a mark of excellence for the industry's leading green building professionals. The new GBCI CMP logo supports this system by assuring LEED Professionals that the education they seek has met the standards of a rigorous, third-party review for high-quality content and delivery.

“LEED credential holders have emphasized that staying current is critical in today's rapidly changing marketplace,” said Peter Templeton, President of the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI), the organization that administers the LEED Professional Credentials. “The practice of green building has evolved dramatically in just the last decade, and maintaining your LEED credential demonstrates that your knowledge of green building and LEED is up-to-date.”

The review of GBCI CMP-eligible education is managed by third-party Education Review Bodies (ERB), which are responsible for identifying green building courses that qualify for LEED credential maintenance and use of the GBCI CMP logo. As an ERB, the U.S. Green Building Council has currently approved over 1,000 continuing education offerings from USGBC and USGBC Education Providers for GBCI CE Hours. The new GBCI CMP logo allows these third-party Education Providers to identify which of their courses have been reviewed and approved and to communicate this fact readily to potential participants.

“The more than 140,000 LEED Professional Credential holders look to USGBC, the developers of the LEED green building rating systems, for ongoing educational needs related to LEED,” said Rebecca Flora, Senior Vice President, Education & Research, USGBC. “Through our extensive network of USGBC Education Providers, we also offer in-depth green building education that enriches green building theories, techniques and business trends.”

USGBC's broad network of Education Providers are organizations who offer at least one course that has been peer-reviewed and approved. All approved courses offered by USGBC Education Providers are

eligible for credit toward LEED Professional Credential Maintenance and can be found in USGBC's course catalog at www.usgbc.org/courses. Visit www.usgbc.org/providers for more information.

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The USGBC community is transforming the way we build, design and operate our buildings for healthier places that save precious resources for people to live, work, learn and play in. USGBC is helping create buildings and communities that regenerate and sustain the health and vitality of all life within a generation. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the Council is the driving force of the green building industry, which is projected to contribute \$554 billion to the U.S. gross domestic product by 2013. USGBC leads a diverse constituency of builders and environmentalists, corporations and nonprofit organizations, elected officials, concerned citizens, teachers and students. The USGBC community comprises 80 local chapters, 17,000 member companies and organizations, and more than 150,000 individuals who have earned LEED Professional Credentials. Visit www.usgbc.org for more information.

About GBCI

The Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI) provides third-party confirmation that specific criteria related to LEED building certification and LEED professional credentialing have been met. To underscore this commitment, GBCI is undergoing the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accreditation process for personnel certification agencies complying with International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Standard 17024. Early in 2009, GBCI assumed responsibility for administering the LEED building certification program for the more than 30,000 commercial projects seeking third-party verification of compliance with the industry's leading green building rating system. For more information, please visit www.gbci.org.