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USGBC Selects Recipients of Greenbuild Scholarship Program and USGBC Young Leader Awards Program

Individuals receive scholarship to USGBC's Greenbuild International Conference & Expo

PHOENIX – (November 12, 2009) – The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) has selected 39 scholarship recipients to attend this year's Greenbuild International Conference & Expo as part of its Greenbuild Scholarship Program. Greenbuild is being held this week in Phoenix, Ariz., and is the world's largest conference and expo dedicated to green building.

"The Greenbuild Scholarship Program gives us an opportunity to reach an often underrepresented population of the green building industry and allow them to truly connect to the conversation," said Kimberly Lewis, VP, Conferences and Events, USGBC. "We hope that this opportunity has provided recipients with a hands-on experience at the show, by attending educational sessions, experiencing the exhibit floor and forming lasting relationships at events and networking at the green building job fair."

This year's scholarship recipients come from across the United States, range in age from 13 to 57 and represent a variety of backgrounds and professional experience. Scholarship recipients receive a full-conference registration package, including access to the Opening Keynote & Celebration and Closing Plenary, the exhibit hall, the two-day Residential Summit and hundreds of educational sessions. USGBC, along with its national network of 78 chapters and non-profit organizations, recruited and selected scholarship recipients. At Greenbuild, recipients are meeting with their local USGBC chapter leaders to help further their engagement at the local level after the show.

As part of its Young Leader Awards, USGBC has selected five honorees between the ages of 13 and 25 to attend Greenbuild and Bringing the Noise for the Earth, a spring 2010 event hosted by Youth Speaks. The honorees were selected through a competitive application process and evaluated on their demonstrated commitment to sustainability in their communities and schools. The 2009 USGBC Young Leaders will work with a group of Youth Speaks Brave New Voices Green Team poets to continue the conversation about environmental issues facing their respective communities throughout the year. Highlights of the partnership include special programming at Greenbuild, video documentation of their personal environmental experiences in their communities over the winter, and a joint performance at the Kennedy Center during Bringing the Noise for the Earth in the spring.

U.S. Green Building Council

The Washington, D.C.-based U.S. Green Building Council is committed to a prosperous and sustainable future for our nation through cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings.

With a community comprising 78 local affiliates, more than 20,000 member companies and organizations, and more than 131,000 LEED Accredited Professionals, USGBC is the driving force of an industry that is projected to contribute \$554 billion to the U.S. gross domestic product from 2009-2013. USGBC leads an unlikely diverse constituency of builders and environmentalists, corporations and nonprofit organizations, elected officials and concerned citizens, and teachers and students.

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Buildings in the United States are responsible for 39% of CO₂ emissions, 40% of energy consumption, 13% water consumption and 15% of GDP per year, making green building a source of significant economic and environmental opportunity. Greater building efficiency can meet 85% of future U.S. demand for energy, and a national commitment to green building has the potential to generate 2.5 million American jobs.

About Greenbuild

The U.S. Green Building Council's Greenbuild International Conference & Expo convenes the industry's largest gathering of representatives from all sectors of the green building movement. Three days of extensive educational programming, workshops, a vast exhibition floor and ample networking events provide unrivaled opportunities to learn about the latest technological innovations, explore new products, and exchange ideas with other professionals. Greenbuild is the three time recipient of IMEX Green Meetings Award. This year's show, being held in Phoenix, Ariz., featured more than 1,800 exhibit booths and is expected to draw more than 22,000 attendees. Visit www.greenbuildexpo.org.