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MSCA Adds Second LEED EB Preparation Course for Existing Buildings—First Class Sold Out

ROCKVILLE, MD— The Mechanical Service Contractors of America (MSCA), a subsidiary of the Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA), will offer a second LEED EB Prep Course for Existing Buildings on December 3–4, 2007, in Baltimore, MD. The course was added after the first course, which will be held October 12–13, 2007, in Colorado Springs, CO, sold out. The course will be limited to 40 people.

The **LEED EB Prep Course (Existing Buildings)** is a 10-hour training program on sustainable building principles and practices for the building operation and maintenance industry that will prepare attendees for the LEED EB accreditation exam. In addition, the course will provide valuable information on the sustainable building movement, recent trends and specific opportunities for incorporating LEED into an organization's operation and maintenance practices. All aspects of LEED EB v2.0 will be reviewed with a focus on the applicability of sustainability and the green movement to mechanical service contractors.

For more information, visit www.mcaa.org/education or contact contact Barbara Dolim at bdolim@mcaa.org.

MCAA also has scheduled a second **LEED AP Prep Course (New Construction)** on December 3–4, 2007, in Denver, CO. The course was added after the first course, which will be held

August 27–28, 2007, in Denver, sold out. Like the first course, the second course will be limited to 40 people.

The LEED AP Prep Course (New Construction) is an intensive two-day course designed for mechanical and plumbing contractors that perform new construction and major renovations. The course will cover every aspect of the LEED-NC 2.2 rating system, including the processes, submittal documentation, and interworkings of integrated systems. The course will be taught by Courtney France, LEED AP, a corporate trainer at Architectural Energy Corporation (AEC). Ms. France has worked on more than 200 projects around the world that applied the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED rating system.

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Both LEED prep courses were designed to help principals, senior management, middle management, project managers and estimators prepare for the LEED Accredited Professional exams. The LEED Accredited Professional designation provides credibility with owners and creates bidding opportunities for projects with sustainable systems.

As a leader in green and sustainable building issues, MCAA also has introduced several other new education resources and programs for its membership.

The Green Opportunities Conference—Catching the Next Wave: Seizing the Green Opportunities that Lie Ahead, MCAA's first "green" conference, will explore developing markets in green and sustainable construction. Mechanical construction, plumbing, and service contractors will learn to identify and profit from new market opportunities. During the intensive three-day program, participants will address the following:

- Where do I fit into the green market? (new construction, existing buildings, core and shell, residential)?
- How do I acquire a green perspective?
- What resources do I need to get into the green game?

- What are my rewards for being green?

A case study will depict how an integrated design, along with an aggressive blend of design-build and performance contracting, was used to develop the world's greenest building—the Alberici Headquarters in St. Louis. The conference will include a showcase of water conservation and sustainability products and a tour of a gold LEED corporate headquarters.

The conference, which is geared toward principals, senior management, middle management, project managers, sales engineers, and estimators, will be held September 24–26, 2007, at the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee, WI.

For more information, visit www.mcaa.org/education or contact Cynthia Buffington at cbuffington@mcaa.org.

Green 101 is a unique, four-hour industry-specific course that answers basic questions and addresses participants' most urgent concerns about the growing and increasingly important green building phenomenon. It was designed for those contractor and service professionals wanting to learn the basics of the subject, such as: basic terms, definitions, and technologies involving green and sustainable construction. The course is taught by Tim Wentz, assistant professor at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln, a registered professional engineer, a LEED Accredited Professional, a licensed heating contractor, and a licensed master plumber with over 20 years of industry experience as a mechanical contractor.

Geared toward principals, senior management, middle management, project managers, and estimators, the seminar may be scheduled by an individual company or by an MCAA local association.

For more information, visit www.mcaa.org/education/mcaa/nei/green or contact Dennis Langley at dlanglely@mcaa.org.

MSCA is the leading national trade association for HVACR contractors, providing education, marketing and labor/management services to assure its members deliver quality performance,

value and expertise for all building system needs. MSCA contractors perform service, maintenance, replacement, retrofit and repair work resulting in enhanced reliability, tenant satisfaction, and efficiency. MSCA's contractor qualifications program, MSCA STAR, recognizes contractors that have met the highest standards of excellence in the industry and employ highly-skilled UA STAR certified technicians. MSCA has over 1,200 members and is a subsidiary of the Mechanical Contractors Association of America.

The Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA) serves the unique needs of approximately 2,300 firms involved in heating, air conditioning, refrigeration, plumbing, piping, and mechanical service. We do this by providing our members with high-quality educational materials and programs to help them attain the highest level of managerial and technical expertise. MCAA includes the Mechanical Service Contractors of America, the Plumbing Contractors of America, the Manufacturer/Supplier Council, the Mechanical Contracting Education and Research Foundation and the National Certified Pipe Welding Bureau.

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