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MORE THAN 400 GREEN ROOFS PROFESSIONALS (GRPS) ARE NOW IN THE MARKETPLACE

***Green Roofs for Healthy Cities announces the latest recipients of the
Green Roof Professional (GRP) designation!***

Green Roofs for Healthy Cities (GRHC) – the North American industry association promoting green roofs and walls products and services – is pleased to announce that there are now more than 400 accredited Green Roof Professionals (GRPs) conducting business in the marketplace since the first exam was launched in June 2009. These individuals have successfully completed a multi-disciplinary exam encompassing five areas of concentration including pre-design, design, contract management, quality assurance and support, and maintenance. GRP accreditation verifies that the individual has attained the level of interdisciplinary knowledge of best practices associated with the successful design, installation and maintenance of green roof systems. GRP accreditation also provides continuing education credits for AIA, ASLA, APA and LEED.

"This milestone demonstrates the need for recognized professionals in the green roof and wall industry," said Steven Peck, president and founder of Green Roofs for Healthy Cities. "We are very pleased with the caliber of the new GRPs are delighted with the response that we have received from the industry in embracing this accreditation. "We are pleased to see a number of jurisdictions and contractors are now recognizing the GRP in their statements of qualifications." The GRP designation provides a potential client with an easy reference point and all of our GRPs are listed on our website at www.greenroofs.org."

The green roof industry in North America is rapidly expanding and the need for trained professionals who are familiar with green roof benefits, design, implementation, and technology has never been greater! Accredited Green Roof Professionals (GRPs) are ideally positioned to be a critical member of any green roof team, possessing knowledge of the special requirements and challenges of green roofs from design through to maintenance.

Congratulations to the following new GRPs:

Gaelle Berges	Colette Berna	Graham Cleary	Kevin Crist
Barbara Deutsch	Carlos Guerrero	Patricia Guest	Rita Higgins
Kristopher Keith	Greg Lee	Sara Loveland	Tyler Mathies
Charlotte McGlade	Alan McWain	Carla Meyer	Caroline Moss
James Neville	Gordon Osmundson	Lawrence Peterson	Alan Proffitt
Paul Quirke	Jeff Ranara	Ester Rivard-Sirois	Ronald Schwenger
Derek Semeniuk	Richard Shanks	Howell Sullivan	Tyrel Sutton
Adam Weir			

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Those interested in obtaining GRP accreditation can take upcoming courses and exams listed below:

Courses

City	101	201	301	401
Chicago, IL	Jan 19	Jan 21	-	-
Presented as part of Mid-America Horticultural Trade Show: January 19-21, 2011				
Minneapolis, MN	Feb 8			
San Francisco, CA	Feb 17	Feb 18	Feb 19	Feb 20
Toronto, ON	Mar 24	Mar 25	Mar 26	Mar 27
New York, NY	Apr 28	Apr 29	Apr 30	May 1
Chicago, IL	Jun 1	Jun 2	Jun 3	Jun 4

Exams

City	Date
Toronto, ON	Apr 27
New York, NY	Jun 8

Expanding upon the need for continued growth with the marketplace, *Green Roofs for Healthy Cities*, along with DC Greenworks, the General Services Administration (GSA), the Landscape Architecture Foundation, US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Government of the District of Columbia, are pleased to announce the **2011 Living Architecture Regional Symposium** in Washington, DC, on April 11th and 12th.

The **Regional Symposium** will focus on how to derive the maximum benefits from these technologies as well as explore their enormous Green Jobs potential from a policy standpoint. Expert industry speakers will be combined with a one day trade show featuring the latest green roof and wall products and services. The second day will feature training for Green Roof Professional (GRP) accreditation and ongoing professional development. Leading edge courses on Urban Rooftop Food Production, Integrated Site and Water Management will be presented. The new Advanced Maintenance half-day course will also be launched.

Visit <http://wdc.greenroofs.org/index.php/> for more details about the Symposium. Media passes are available at <http://wdc.greenroofs.org/media>.

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Green Roofs for Healthy Cities (GRHC) is a membership-based industry association developing the green (vegetative) roof and wall industry in North America. GRHC's mission is to increase the awareness of the economic, social and environmental benefits of green roofs and green walls, and other forms of living architecture through education, advocacy, professional development and celebrations of excellence. Visit www.greenroofs.org for more information.