



For immediate release Media Contact:
Emily Andrews 314-577-0854
Emily.Andrews@mobot.org

USGBC-StL Grows Into New Role As USGBC Missouri Gateway Chapter

Demand for green buildings continues to grow even in these tight construction periods.

Reflecting that continuing interest, the local chapter of the United States Green Building Council has expanded its territory to include most of Missouri. Southern Illinois continues as part of the Chapter's territory. Official as of October 1, the new name is the United States Green Building Council-Missouri Gateway Chapter. Emily Andrews, of the St. Louis Chapter, remains the staff Executive Director of the thriving eco-group. JoAnn Brookes of HOK is President of the Missouri Gateway Chapter Board.

St. Louisans founded one of the first six Chapters of USGBC (of the current 80) in 2001. To commemorate a decade of growth, a new address at the Missouri Botanical Garden will be announced by the end of 2010.

USGBC created eco-friendly Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification for commercial and industrial buildings as well as new and re-habbed homes.

Over 600 members in the St. Louis region welcome 80 out-state building and sustainability professionals into their chapter. The wide variety of environmentally-minded members includes architects, carpenters, engineers, electricians, energy auditors, metal workers, plumbers, renewable energy experts, heating & cooling designers and city planners among many others.

The mission of the U.S. Green Building Council-Missouri Gateway Chapter is to initiate, develop and accelerate implementation of green building concepts, technologies and principles that promote environmentally responsible, profitable and healthy places to live and work.

For timely news on sustainable green building practices, products and Chapter membership, see the website: www.usgbc-mogateway.org or call (314) 577-0225.

###