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ASHRAE Awards James L. Newman Certification for Building Energy Assessment Professional

ATLANTA -Jim Newman, CEM, LEED AP, OPMP, FESD, Owner/Managing Partner of Newman Consulting Group, LLC, headquartered in Bloomfield Hills, MI, has earned the Building Energy Assessment Professional (BEAP) certification from the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE).

This ASHRAE designation certifies an individual's ability to audit and analyze residential, commercial, and industrial buildings including determining project scope, collecting data, analyzing building performance, interpreting results, evaluating alternatives, submitting recommendations for energy conservation measures, and assisting with the implementation of these recommendations.

"An ASHRAE certification benefits building owners, employers and individuals," ASHRAE President Lynn G. Bellenger said. "Firms who employ ASHRAE-certified

professionals are better able to promote their services, and individuals who are certified approach their responsibilities with greater confidence. ASHRAE certification helps professionals demonstrate that they have mastered a certain body of knowledge and can provide outstanding services in their area of expertise."

Newman Consulting Group assists architects, engineers, building owners and contractors throughout the world to design and construct more energy-efficient and sustainable buildings to Green and Sustainable or LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Guidelines. The Group also assists building owners to retrofit existing buildings to use less energy - *and save money* - while maintaining or improving the indoor air quality.

ASHRAE, founded in 1894, is an international organization with more than 53,000 members. ASHRAE fulfills its mission of advancing heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration to serve humanity and promote a sustainable world through research, standards writing, publishing and continuing education.

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James L. Newman, CEM, LEED AP, OPMP, BEAP, FESD

Jim Newman is Owner and Managing Partner of Newman Consulting Group, LLC, an EPA Energy Star® and Rebuild Michigan® Partner. He is a Certified Energy Manager, a LEED® Accredited Professional, an Operations and Performance Management Professional, a Building Energy Assessment Professional and a Fellow of the Engineering Society of Detroit (ESD).

Jim is an active member of many technical societies and is ESD's spokesperson on energy and environmental issues. He is a member of the Committee that developed the 2008 Energy Policy Document for the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), and is a trainer for ASHRAE Energy Standard 90.1, which forms the basis for the Energy Codes in most states. Jim is an ASHRAE Distinguished Lecturer and a provisional energy auditor for ASHRAE's pilot program for the new Building Energy Quotient (BEQ) Program to measure, verify and certify energy used by commercial buildings.

He is on the Energy and Environment Committee of BOMA International (Building Owners and Managers Association) and makes presentations to municipalities on how they can Green their cities and attract Green development.

Jim has published numerous papers on Indoor Air Quality, Energy Conservation and Green and

Sustainable Development. He is an internationally recognized speaker and trainer on these issues and on Green Design and Efficient Operating and Maintenance practices. He speaks about Green and Sustainable topics on radio and TV, and gives seminars world-wide on these and other topics related to the construction industry. His latest book, co-authored with two attorneys, *Current Critical Issues in Environmental Law: Green Buildings and Sustainable Development* was published by Lexis Nexis in 2008.

Newman Consulting Group, as LEED Project Administrators, assists building owners and developers to design and construct Green and Sustainable buildings, to receive tax deductions under EPCAct 2005, ARRA 2009 and other federal acts, as well as rebates from states and local utilities, and grants from various organizations. The Group also performs energy audits and retro-commissioning to help building owners and the Federal Government conserve energy and save money.

The links provided below are as follows: (1) 'Shop Talk Connections' where Mr. Newman is addressing and answering questions in the energy field. This will take you directly to the 'Shop Talk' site at GreeningDetroit.com. This will be a great site to **mark in your favorites** for the latest updates in this everchanging field, (2) the Newman Consulting Group website, (3) the Greening Detroit website, (4) NCG Speaking/Training Document - listing all activities for 2011, and (5) a pdf copy of the Press Release listed above. If you request any additional information please give our office a call at 248-626-4910.

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